

BKME
EXPRESS TRANSFERS
To Major Cities in
PAKISTAN
Competitive Rates, Fast Delivery
THE BANK OF KUWAIT & THE MIDDLE EAST

FIRST
IN THE WORLD
1
GENERAL ELECTRIC
SHOWROOMS:
2451423 • 2019470 • 9829134



HH the Amir (right) and President Mubarak listen to national anthems on their arrival at the Presidential Palace in Cairo. (Reuter wirephoto)

Thousands line streets, sing and dance in welcome

Amir starts visit; Egypt celebrates

'Expression of love and appreciation'

CAIRO, Aug 28, (Agencies): HH the Amir of Kuwait, making his first visit to Egypt since he became head of state in 1977, arrived in Cairo today pledging never to forget Egypt's help in developing his country.

Egypt, one of the world's poorest countries, has about 200,000 workers in Kuwait, one of the richest. Cairo depends heavily on revenues sent back by migrant workers in Gulf Arab states to prop up its ailing economy.

"In Kuwait we never forget that the progress we achieved was the

result of Egypt's contribution through its experts, doctors, workers, engineers and teachers," the Amir said in a statement issued to reporters on his arrival.

Thousands of Egyptians, applauding, dancing and signing, lined the streets in the sweltering August heat to welcome the Kuwaiti leader at the start of his three-day official visit.

The Amir was to begin formal talks tomorrow with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak focusing on Arab issues including the Lebanese conflict, and on developing trade and economic ties between Cairo and Kuwait.

The visit follows Egypt's re-admission to the Arab League after it was expelled for making peace with Israel in 1979. It has raised hopes for a new wave of Kuwaiti investments in Egypt.

Kuwaiti loans, deposits and investments in Egypt total \$3.5 billion Kuwaiti embassy officials in Cairo said.

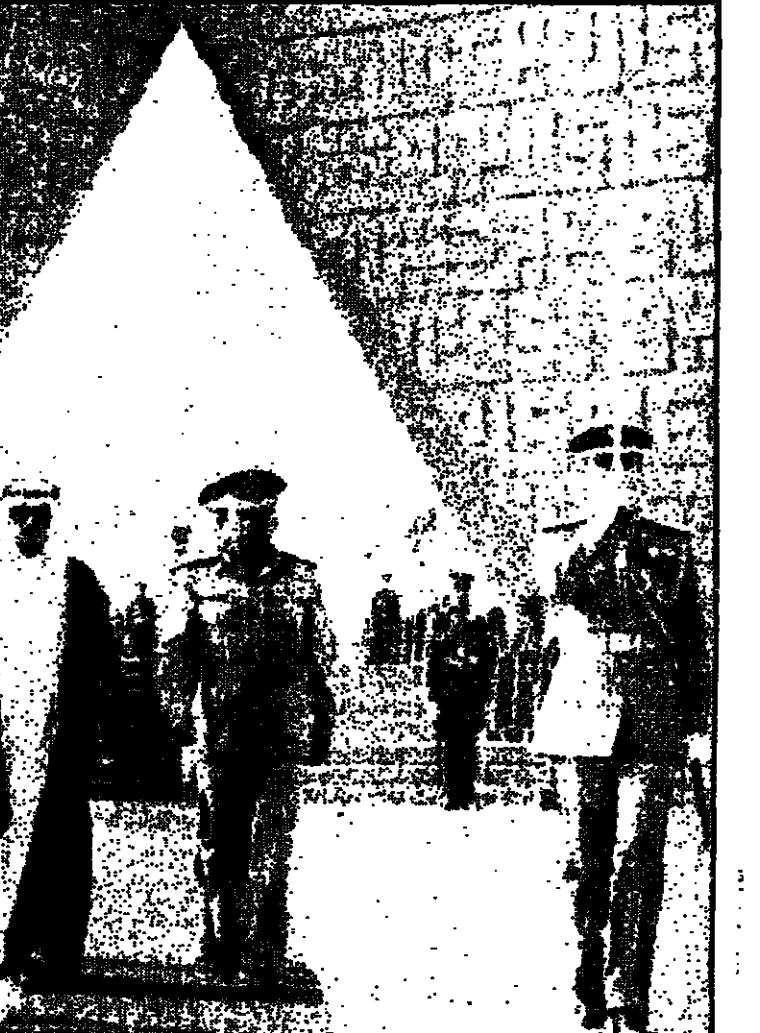
Egypt's state-owned Middle East News Agency said among expected results of the visit is an agreement on expanding bilateral economic and technical co-operation. In practical terms, this would mean more Kuwaiti financial aid and investments to Egypt and increased Egyptian technical expertise for Kuwait.

The agency said Kuwait will give Egypt a soft loan of KD10 million (\$32.5 million) to help develop its iron and steel works. Repayment would be over 19 years, including a four-year grace period, at four per cent interest, it said.

The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, has given Egypt loans totalling KD77 million (\$250 million) since 1962.

In a front-page article today, Cairo's leading state-owned newspaper Al-Ahram described the Amir-Mubarak talks as "a meeting of Arab wisdom" that underline the moderation characterising the policies of the two countries.

Kuwaiti officials said the Amir, who is the current head of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, would discuss various regional, Arab and Islamic issues (Continued on Page 9, Col 1)



HH the Amir escorted by Egyptian military officers walk away from the tomb of the unknown soldier after laying a wreath. (Reuter wirephoto)

Senators to Cory

'Just say no'

MANILA, Aug 28, (Reuters): A bloc of senators urged President Corason Aquino today to serve the United States early notice that the Philippines would not renew their military bases agreement after 1991.

The group of 10 senators, enough to prevent ratification of any accord extending the facilities, issued the call in the second shift-based resolution drawn up by lawmakers in the past week in an apparently hardening of attitude on the US military presence in the country.

Earlier today, a visiting US congressional leader voiced confidence Aquino would keep the bases in this Pacific nation despite politicians' demands for their removal.

The resolution, yet to be discussed by the full Senate, called on the chamber to express "its sense in favour of terminating the... agreement in September 1991 and urging the President of the Philippines to serve notice of such termination on the United States, precluding any extension."

Rebel held in Rowe hit

DAVAO CITY, Philippines, Aug 28, (AP): Troops arrested a communist rebel who admitted taking part in the April slaying of a US Army colonel in a Manila suburb, the military announced today.

Junio Ibas, 25, was arrested with a companion in a public jeep yesterday evening after intelligence reports linked him to the April 21 slaying of Col. James "Nick" Rowe, the military said.

Rowe, a decorated Vietnam war veteran who escaped after five years in a Viet Cong prison camp, was slain on his way to work at the joint US military assistance group in Quizon city.

Communist rebels claimed responsibility for the assassination. Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano, acting military chief of staff, told reporters he considered the Rowe case solved, although the other assailants had not been caught.

It was the first time the military has claimed to have arrested one of the triggermen in the Rowe killing. In June, police arrested a messenger for a university newspaper in connection with the slaying but said later he was not believed to have been among the actual assassins.

Nimeiri offers a 'peace' of advice

CAIRO, Aug 28, (AP): Ousted president Jafar Nimeiri said today that Sudan's new military leadership should have its peace moves to stop the six-year-old civil war in the south on the 1972 agreement he used to end a similar rebellion.

In the statement, Nimeiri said that a seven-member committee made up of Arab countries, including Egypt, should be formed to monitor the talks. (See Page 10)

Paris tables initiative

Group threatens to kill Pope



Sheikh Abbas Musavi (second left) during the funeral procession of nine Hezbollah militants killed in the Israeli air raid in south Lebanon on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)

DAMASCUS, Aug 28, (Agencies): A French envoy met Syrian President Hafez Al Assad today to discuss a French peace plan which envisages the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon, where Syria has an estimated 33,000 troops.

Diplomats said Francois Scheer, Director-General of the French Foreign Ministry, was carrying a message to Assad from French President Mitterrand.

In Beirut an underground faction believed to comprise Shiite Muslim extremists threatened today to kill Pope John Paul II.

In its first communiqué, handwritten in Arabic, the group threatened to attack any French vessel that approaches the Lebanese coast.

The name of the group and wording of its communiqué suggested it is made up of Shiite zealots, possibly pro-Iranian.

"To His Holiness Pope John Paul II we address our words to him, wishing that he writes his will before he comes to Beirut," the latest statement, also handwritten in Arabic, said.

"The organisation emphasizes that His Holiness the Pope will be

US raps raid on Hezbollah

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine, Aug 28, (Agencies): The White House today condemned Israel's raids on radical Shiite Hezbollah bases in Lebanon but said it saw no connection between the raids and Lebanon's hostage impasse.

Speaking at President George Bush's vacation retreat, spokesman Roman Popadiuk said: "We deplore the continuing cycle of violence. It does not contribute to a peaceful solution. These incidents underscore the need for agreed upon security

arrangements in Lebanon and on the border of Israel and the need for an overall political settlement in Lebanon."

Asked if the United States had asked Israel to refrain from such raids out of concern for foreigners held hostage in Lebanon, Popadiuk said, "I'm not aware of any contacts with Israel concerning this latest raid."

He added, "We see no connection between this incident and the hostage situation."

Sunday's attack was apparent-

Sikh gunmen raid train, massacre 22 passengers

AMRITSAR, Aug 28, (AP): Masked Sikh gunmen raided a passenger train in Punjab state and massacred at least 22 Hindu passengers, a senior police official said today.

At least 30 others were wounded in the attack on the Suratgarh-to-Bhatinda train late yesterday, said K.P.S. Gill, director-general of Punjab police. Ten were in a serious condition.

Most of the victims, including two women and three children, died inside the blood-splattered compartments, he said.

The attack occurred at Qabarwala in Frikot district of the northern farming state. The area is 140 kilometres (85 miles) south of the Sikh holy city of Amritsar and about 40 kilometres (25 miles) from the Pakistan border.

36 AIDS carriers in Kuwait

By Mahmoud Morsi

KUWAIT, Aug 28: The number of AIDS carriers found in Kuwait so far has risen to 36, a Health Ministry official said today.

Director of the Infectious Diseases Hospital Dr Abdul Aziz Al Enzi said all the new carriers found among expatriate labourers who arrived in Kuwait for work in the past few days.

Kuwait had announced before that it had found 25 AIDS carriers and one patient, a five-year-old girl who obtained blood transfusion in the United States later died.

He added that all the necessary preventive measures have been taken towards the new discovered carriers after they were examined at the expatriate labourers check-up centre.

He emphasised that there are no AIDS patients in Kuwait, adding that most of the 36 carriers are young people and majority of them are expatriates.

Enzi stressed that cholera is not indigenous to Kuwait and all (Continued on Page 9)

Afghan rival rebels clash

Hundreds die

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Aug 28, (Reuters): About 300 people have been killed in feuding between two rival rebel groups in north Afghanistan and fighting is spreading to other provinces, one group said today.

Hezb-i-Islami (Hekmatyar) spokesman Obaidullah told a news conference in Peshawar his party's followers had been under attack from Jamiat-i-Islami in Takhar and Badakhshan provinces for four weeks.

"The fighting... has now spilled over to other provinces," he said.

He said some 300 people from both sides lost their lives after a Jamiat assault to capture a Hezb commander blamed for a rebel massacre in Takhar province last month.

Obaidullah also said fierce fighting at Barak in Badakhshan province "resulted in the death of a big number of civilians and mujahadeen (rebels)."

Earlier, Afghan rebel government information Minister Najibullah Lafric, a member of Jamiat, told reporters in Islamabad Jamiat rebels had captured Hezb commander Saeed Jamal and his brother on Aug 20 without bloodshed.

Jamal held out for three weeks and then lost contact with adjacent Hezb bases, he said.

Obaidullah said he had reports some 200 Jamiat and 100 Hezb guerrillas were killed, confirming a similar report broadcast by the official Kabul Radio four days ago.

Sheep cleared for sale

By Lima Al Khalafawi

Arab Times staff

KUWAIT today gave a clean bill of health to 98,678 sheep that had earlier been rejected by Saudi Arabia on the grounds that they had blue tongue, sheep pox and brucellosis.

Additionally, 25,000 Australian sheep which arrived in Kuwait on Sunday were also cleared after carrying out stringent medical tests. This brings the total number of Australian sheep cleared to 123,678.

The Australian sheep were found free of disease, according to Dr Sultan Al Sultan, director of Animal Health Department at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources.

During a press conference held yesterday at the authority, Sultan said that veterinary authorities checked the consignment of sheep on the ship "Qorain" and found that there were no symptoms of the above mentioned diseases.

He added that sheep consignments continuously coming to Kuwait for the past several years had shown no signs of diseases.

The official said that the authority conducted blood tests and post mortem for one week.

Usually a one to four per cent deaths occur during long voyages.

Sultan stressed that the authority is very concerned about any livestock or sheep coming to Kuwait and medical examinations are very stringent. In support of this statement, (Continued on Page 9, Col. 1)

Bodo men to stop violence

NEW DELHI, Aug 28. (Reuters): Bodo tribesmen agitating for a separate homeland in northeast India agreed today to suspend their violent campaign in which more than 500 people have been killed.

A statement issued after talks between Bodo representatives and the government of Assam state said both sides agreed to hold talks and work for a political solution.

"Bodo representatives have agreed to suspend violence as means to achieve their demands while the government is willing to drop what Bodos consider as repressive measures against them," an Assam official said in an interview.

The tribesmen have been demanding a separate "Bodoland" state within India and an end to what they say is discrimination against them by the state government.

The Bodo rebellion was launched in February and their campaign has disrupted tea shipments, an important source of income for Assam, which have to pass through Bodo territory.

Rajendrakumar Bajpai, a minister in Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's government who was an observer at the talks, said the problem had to be solved primarily by the Assam government.

"Violence must stop and the state government must take responsibility for this," Bajpai said.

Spokesmen for opposition-ruled Assam had in the past accused the Rajiv government of abetting the Bodo agitation.

Bomb detonated

BONN, Aug 28. (AP): A car bomb was discovered in a British military housing area in Hanover today afternoon but was safely defused, said a spokesman for the British Army in West Germany.

It was at least the third attempted bombing at a British military post in northern Germany this summer. One British soldier was killed last month in a car bomb attack for which the Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility.

Strike cripples much of Lanka

Gunmen kill human rights lawyer

COLOMBO, Aug 28. (Agency): Gunmen shot dead Sri Lankan human rights lawyer Kanchana Abeypala at his Colombo flat today, police said.

Abeypala's father was wounded in the attack. Police could not identify the gunmen or give a motive for the shooting. Prins Gunasekera, another human rights lawyer and close associate of Abeypala, said recently they had both been threatened with death because of their efforts to find missing persons.

The two lawyers have appeared in cases involving hundreds of missing young men, most of whom were detained by security forces in operations against left-wing rebels.

Businesses closed and streets remained deserted across much of Sri Lanka at the start of a five-day general strike today called by Sinhalese radicals to mark the deaths of about 150 people in anti-government protests last month, officials said.



Hoodwinking

A member of the Indian Border Security Force holds up a shoe, whose sole has been carved to resemble the hoof print of cattle. These shoes are used by smugglers to deceive police as they cross the Indo-Pak border with illegal goods. (Reuters wirephoto)

Defence Ministry officials reported 30 fatalities in violence related to the insurrection by the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) — Sinhalese for People's Liberation Front — and the arrest of some 264 suspected rebels.

They said 10 of the victims were related to security personnel, and that in one attack at Hambantota, JVP assailants killed the mother, sister, brother, uncle and nephew of a soldier from the town 150 miles (240 km) south of Colombo.

At least 300 people died last week in political slayings either by security forces waging a fierce counteroffensive against the JVP, or actions by the radicals largely aimed at relatives of police or military officers.

Officials reported the work stoppage found wide adherence across the central and southern areas dominated by the Buddhist Sinhalese community, among whom the JVP have spawned their drive to replace the government with a Marxist authoritarian regime.

Few employees arrived for work at both private and state-run offices, and most government departments remained closed, they said.

Police said insurgents hurled a grenade at a bus being driven through Colombo's Homagama suburb, causing slight damage to the vehicle being used in defiance of their strike call.

Security forces commandeered about 100 buses which were used along key routes under guard by gun-toting police and soldiers, but streets remained largely deserted of private traffic.

Many shops were open, apparently in response to yesterday evening, visits by off-duty soldiers who advised owners to disobey the JVP's demands or face retaliation.

A Reuters correspondent saw around a dozen soldiers arrive in a jeep and lorry in the Bambalapitiya commercial district of Colombo to prise open the shutters of shops whose owners had defied an earlier order to open.

Similar incidents occurred in other areas of Colombo as the government attempted to break a general strike.

Shopowners reported the oblique warning was backed up by death threats from a vigilante group named "the People's Revolutionary Red Army," whose members are thought to be from the security forces and are blamed for the deaths of scores of JVP suspects.

Colombo's port shut down, trains stopped and work ceased at telephone and telecommunication centres, customs offices, post offices, petrol stations, banks and all privately-owned newspapers.

Hospitals have been closed in and around Colombo for more than two weeks under a JVP-called strike, but the radicals extended the stoppage to southern province, where they demanded all patients leave their wards.

"We will not admit any patients or treat any until Friday," one doctor said in a telephone interview from the main government-run hospital in Matara, 100 miles (160 km) south of Colombo.

The strike is scheduled to end on Friday, and was called by the JVP to mark some 150 fatalities during anti-government protests on July 29 over President Ranasinghe Premadasa's inability to expel about 60,000 Indian personnel stationed in Sri Lanka's northeast.

New Delhi in a diplomatic showdown refused to extract its force until it had completed the task for which it was deployed — to implement an Indian-brokered plan aimed at ending a Tamil rebellion by granting some autonomy to areas dominated by the Hindu minority.



A soldier forces open a shop in Colombo during a strike. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Storm whirls

MIAMI, Aug 28. (UPI): Tropical storm Felix whirled toward the north-northwest today in the far eastern Atlantic while hurricane forecasters awaited word from a plane sent to investigate a new tropical depression east of the windward islands.

Felix began a turn to the northwest on a path that forecasters said would take it well away from land.

"It appears to have begun the turn. We'll see if it continues turning," said Jack Beven, a meteorologist at the National Hurricane Centre.

Ethnic Albanian indicted

BELGRADE, Aug 28. (Reuters): Jailed ethnic Albanian leader Azem Vllasi and 14 other Albanians in Yugoslavia's Kosovo province were indicted on charges of counter-revolution today, Tanjug news agency said.

The offence carries a maximum penalty of death by firing squad.

The 15 are charged with organising mass protests in Kosovo in November and a general strike in February which prompted Belgrade to deploy the army in the predominantly Albanian province.

Encephalitis toll

KATHMANDU, Nepal, Aug 28. (AP): Viral encephalitis has claimed three more lives in Biratnagar town, 250 kilometres (156 miles) southeast of Kathmandu, the Nepalese national news agency RSS reported yesterday.

So far 11 people have succumbed to this disease at the Biratnagar hospital. The agency says 30 patients are being treated for encephalitis at the hospital.

Storm sputters

LAPAZ, Mexico, Aug 28. (AP): Tropical depression Kiko sputtered further seaward today after being downgraded from a hurricane after it lashed southern Baja California over the weekend.

Kiko battered the southeastern coast of Mexico's sparsely populated peninsula with 115 miles (185 kilometres) per-hour winds and dumped up to 11 inches (27 centimetres) of rain.

AIDS test stopped

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Aug 28. (AP): People entering Malaysia will not be given routine blood tests to check for AIDS, deputy Health Minister Mohamed Farid Ariffin said today.

Earlier, deputy Home Minister Megat Juid Megat Ayub was quoted as saying screening at entry points would be heightened to stop AIDS carriers from coming into Malaysia, especially at the Thai-Malaysia border.

Farid said it would be too difficult to administer routine blood tests to tourists and others arriving in the country.



A Contra fighter (left) shakes hands with a Sandinista soldier as another Sandinista looks on during a meeting between soldiers of both sides on Aug 24. (Reuters wirephoto)

Contra-Sandinista meeting

A Contra fighter (left) shakes hands with a Sandinista soldier as another Sandinista looks on during a meeting between soldiers of both sides on Aug 24. (Reuters wirephoto)

Appeal rejected

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Aug 28. (AP): A Czechoslovak court today rejected the appeal of underground publisher Frantisek Starek, the state news agency CTK reported.

Starek was convicted on indictment charges and sentenced June 28 to 21-2 years in prison, the harshest punishment meted out in a long series of trials this year in a severely targeted crackdown on dissent in Czechoslovakia.

Starek's fiancée, Iva Vojtkova, was found guilty of complicity and was handed a one-year prison term, suspended for two years.

Gunbattle kills 4

LAOAG, Philippines, Aug 28. (UPI): Communist guerrillas attacked a village and killed two militiamen and two civilians in a six-hour gunbattle, witnesses and hospital sources said.

The sources said some 200 guerrillas of the Communist New People's Army swooped down on Virvira village in Carasi Town, Ilocos Norte province, 250 miles (400 km) north of Manila, at 9 pm yesterday in search of militiamen.

Police reoccupy

HONG KONG, Aug 28. (AP): Police reoccupied an outlying island today after a riot by Vietnamese boat people in which 23 officers were injured, police reported.

A police statement said two companies of about 250 police officers landed without incident on Tai A Chau island, where about 5,000 Vietnamese boat people are housed.

It said one company landed on the island by helicopter and the other by landing craft.

Garbage piles

DHAKA, Aug 28. (Reuters): Bangladesh garbage collectors went on strike today and vowed to drown Dhaka in filth if their demands were not met.

On the first day of the indefinite strike officials said tonnes of stinking rubbish clogged crowded residential districts of Dhaka, a city of six million people.

"The situation is particularly precarious in old Dhaka areas with residents walking past narrow lanes full of filth and stink," one municipal official said.

Some 120,000 Bangladesh garbage collectors and low-paid administrative workers are demanding higher wages and pensions.

OIC chief in Dhaka

DHAKA, Aug 28. (Reuters): Hamid Al Gabid, secretary-general of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, arrived in Dhaka today for talks with Bangladesh President Hossein Mohammad Ershad.

BSS news agency quoted Gabid as saying the talks during his six-day visit would concern greater cohesion among Muslim nations and a proposal for an Islamic medical centre in Dhaka. He gave no details of the proposed medical centre.

Trial to begin

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Aug 28. (AP): Two Hungarian activists, arrested during an anti-government demonstration in Prague last week, will go on trial tomorrow, judge Jan Belohlavek said today.

In Budapest, Hungarian Foreign Minister Gyula Horn today summoned the Czechoslovak Charge d'Affaires to protest the continued detention of the two Hungarians and the Prague authorities' refusal to accept the Hungarian Consul's guarantee that they would appear in a Prague court tomorrow if set free.

Novel proposal

GENEVA, Aug 28. (KUNA): Controlled distribution of narcotic drugs by the state has been mooted as a novel method to fight the drug menace, a Swiss daily-reported today.

Quoting the Zurich newspaper "Sonntagszeitung", La Lieberherr, head of social affairs of the municipality of Zurich and a federal ex-parliamentarian.

Illegal videos break barrier

NEW DELHI, Aug 28. (Reuters): It is a relaxed Sunday and a middle class family in south Delhi watches the best entertainment in town — a video recording of a Pakistani television serial.

In the Pakistani capital Islamabad, a similar Pakistani family is glued to an Indian film beamed across the border.

India does not import Pakistani television serials and Pakistan refuses to buy Indian films. The legacy of three wars between the two nations means there is little legal cross-border trade and virtually no cultural exchange.

But thanks to illegal video recordings, 42 years after India gained independence from Britain and Pakistan was created amid widespread bloodshed, the people of the two countries are feeling a new affinity.

In the Indian border towns of Amritsar and Jammu scores of people spend hours every day recording popular Pakistani television serials. They then make hundreds of copies for sale across the country to video libraries.

"Pakistani television serials have invaded India. They are very popular," said Vinay Garg, a Delhi businessman who duplicates videos.

He said agents usually made the first copy of Pakistani serials in border towns where they can receive Pakistan television.

The various episodes are then combined on a single cassette and copies made.

"Television in Pakistan has made tremendous progress. Unlike in India, they left radio and television in the hands of top professionals," said India film critic Anil Sati.

Sati attributes the success of Pakistani serials in India to strong scripts, adding: "Pakistani television has a great number of professional scriptwriters. They have created a niche for themselves in writing family drama scripts."

Pakistan banned the import of Indian television serials in 1964 to help the local film industry, but Pakistanis' demand for Indian movies is met by a booming, clandestine video market.

Indian films can be seen on Indian television picked up in most of Pakistan's Punjab province and the border areas of the southern province of Sindh.

"The flow of thought and information (between India and Pakistan) is staunchly or filtered," Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said in a speech in Islamabad last month.

"Films are seen clandestinely, or through mounting taller and taller antennae," he added.

Three days later officials of the two countries agreed to begin exchanging radio and television programmes. The ban on films remained.

However, video recordings of Indian movies, far more popular than local productions, are commonly available in Pakistan.

A video cassette can be rented for 10 rupees (30 cents) a day. The rent is higher for good new arrivals, particularly those with Indian superstars like Amitabh Bachchan.

Search hindered

ISLAMABAD, Aug 28. (AP): Thick clouds and a heavy downpour in Pakistan's rugged Karakoram mountains today stalled the search for an airliner that disappeared last Friday with 34 people aboard.

"Today the weather is very bad. We haven't been able to operate any flights in the area," said A.M. Sarooji, a spokesman for Pakistan International Airlines.

Two British trekkers, who reported sighting a low-flying aircraft last day near the 26,606-foot (8,114-meter) Nanga Parbat, were to lead a five-man ground search today.

Sarooji said the group was on standby in the northern mountain village of Gilgit waiting for weather to clear. Helicopters are to drop them on a glacier 16,000 feet (4,871 metres) up the mountain.

Military and civilian aircraft have been scanning the rugged peaks and steep valleys since the twin-engine Fokker 27 Friendship disappeared on a flight from Gilgit to Islamabad.

INDIA



flights a week from Kuwait

6 times a week to Bombay (5 direct flights, one via Delhi), twice a week to Delhi, once every week to Trivandrum and once a week to Goa via Bombay. Now, is there any other choice?

MORE NONSTOP FLIGHTS
MORE ENTERTAINMENT
MORE DELICIOUS FOOD
MORE COMFORT & CARE



AIR-INDIA

For further information and reservations, please contact Tel: 2438184 Kuwait or your Travel Agents.

Taxi drivers in Jaffna benefit from Tamil rebellion

JAFFNA, Aug 28. (AP): The barefoot taxi drivers in the war-torn Jaffna peninsula conduct a macabre tour for any visitor who cares to see the sights.

"What you want to see? Dead bodies, Indian soldiers, shelled buildings, Tamil fighters?" Kandiah Ponnambalam asks in a singsong voice as he goes into what appears to be a standard sales pitch in negotiating a price for a trip around the peninsula.

"Or do you want to go to a Hindu temple?" The 62-year-old Tamil cabbie adds from his nearly four-decade-old Morris Minor. "A festival is going on. Many people there, maybe something will happen."

For the past 22 months, Jaffna town and the peninsula of the same name have been the flashpoint of the war between Indian peacekeeping troops and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, a rebel militia fighting for an independent nation in predominantly Tamil northeastern Sri Lanka.

Indian troops were supposed to disarm the Tigers and other rebel groups under a July 29, 1987, peace accord that aimed to give Tamils limited autonomy. All the rebels initially accep-

ted the peace plan, but the Tigers reneged and began attacking the Indian soldiers.

New Delhi and Colombo say about 5,000 people have died in northeastern Sri Lanka since Indian troops arrived the day after the accord was signed. Militants and local leaders claim the figure is 10,000.

One effect of the fighting has been an escalation of cab fares. A 30-kilometre (19 mile) trip around the peninsula costs the equivalent of \$30 to \$50. A similar trip in any other part of the country costs the equivalent of \$9.

The taxis, an assortment of black British-

built Morris Minors, Austins and a stray Jaguar are Toyota or Delica vans, are the only way to get around the peninsula or go to the airport.

Indian soldiers at checkpoints appear to recognise most of Jaffna's 20 or 30 taxi drivers and wave them on after a perfunctory check of the vehicle and occupants. Ponnambalam says his service can include using backroads that avoid checkpoints.

Local residents rarely use cabs. Bicycles are the most common form of transport in this small town, although some people tow motor-

cycles.

هكذا من الترحيل

Solar autos coming of age

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts, Aug 28. (AP) — Solar-powered cars still aren't feasible. But James Worden commutes to work every day in a solar car he built himself.

The car is a 350-pound (158-kilogramme), silver, three-wheeler covered with solar panels that suggests a cross between a Golf cart and a Honda Civic. It holds two people, can reach 35 miles (56 kilometres), and for four years has taken him on his regular 13-mile (20-kilometres) commute.

Worden keeps it parked in a sunny spot outside his lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. When he drives it at night, or takes it more than about 50 miles (80 kilometres), he plugs it into an ordinary electric outlet to recharge its nickel-cadmium battery.

Worden easily kept up with traffic during a recent spin through crowded Cambridge, where the most significant trouble the car encountered was giant potholes in the road.

One advantage was its silence.

"Has it stalled?" A passenger inquired as the car sat motionless waiting for a green light.

"No," Worden replied. "It's recharging."

In a month or two, the 22-year-old entrepreneur expects to produce a four-wheel prototype that will look more like a more traditional automobile.

"We hope to be making a car a day in two years," said Worden, who was a high school student when he built his first solar car and had yet to graduate from MIT when he founded his company, Solextron Corp.

Marketability. Solar-electric cars already are on the market in Europe. For instance, a Swiss compact sells for about \$20,600.

Worden said his next generation solar-electric commuter car will weigh 800 to 1,000 pounds (362 to 453 kilogrammes), accommodate two people plus 300 pounds (136 kilogrammes) of cargo and reach 45 mph. It also will be able to go for 40 miles (64 kilometres) at night and 60 miles (96 kilometres) in full sunlight before recharging.

"It's a city car," Worden said. "The idea is, it'll be sprightly and clean and easy. There's no gas and no fuel charge and no oil changes. You'll never have to get a brake job... There won't be a muffler either... The only service you'll need, except the tyres, is watering the battery every year or so."

The car should sell for about \$10,000, Worden said. Extra solar panels, which could be left on a roof for recharging, would cost another \$500 to \$1,000.

Solextron also is working on a \$20,000 racing car model to go faster and further.

His four-wheel commuter car has limitations.

In full sunlight, it will go only 20 miles (32 kilometres) per hour before drawing on its high-tech lead battery. Parked a full day in the sun, it will soak up only enough light to run 40 miles (64 kilometres). Recharging the battery will take up to five hours.

Still, Worden and other entrepreneurs of solar energy say that smog, ozone depletion and global warming make electric cars more attractive, even in places where frequently cloudy skies obscure the sunlight.

Some proponents, such as Robert Wills, an engineer at Dartmouth College, predict solar cars will be commercially available in this country before the end of the century.

"There just aren't any better solutions to air pollution in the major cities," said Wills, an organizer of the New England Tour de Sol solar car races.

Technology. At the same time, solar technology has advanced enormously in recent years, due in part to lessons learned from long-distance solar car races.

In 1987, General Motors Sunracer was driven 1,950 miles (3,138 kilometres) across Australia in 5 1/2 days, averaging 41.5 miles (66.7 kilometres) per hour.

And just this summer, Worden's racing car, the 270-pound (122-kilogramme), Solextron, drove 3,200 miles (5,149 kilometres) from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. in two weeks, with few troubles other than some flat tyres.

But although GM has learned much about engineering lightweight solar cars from the Sunracer, "We feel this probably has more application to a light-weight efficient electric commuter car than to a solar car," said GM spokesman Bruce McCristal in Detroit.

Bakker cheated: prosecution

Defence calls TV evangelist a genius

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, Aug 28. (AP) — A prosecutor said today that television evangelist Jim Bakker lied to his followers to cheat them out of their money, but defence lawyers called Bakker a genius who stands unfairly accused.

Bakker, founder of the PTL television ministry — one of several such Christian fundamentalist empires in the United States — is being tried on 28 counts of fraud and conspiracy. Prosecutors say he and other executives of PTL diverted for their own benefit at least \$4 million of the \$158 million they raised for "lifetime partnerships" at the ministry's resort hotels.

"The motive was dollars," prosecutor Jerry Miller told jurors in opening statements at Bakker's federal court trial. "The motive was opulence. The motive was a lavish lifestyle most of you won't be able to identify with."

In his 40-minute presentation to the jury, Miller said Bakker "used truth and half-truth" to get people to send money for the partnerships in PTL.

"This case is about cheating people out of their money, tricking people out of their money by the use of the mails, telephone and television," Miller said.

Defence lawyer George Davis spoke an hour and 15 minutes, saying there was no

evidence that Bakker sold anything or had any criminal intent to defraud people.

"We will prove that there was not a sale of one single membership or lifetime partnership," Davis said. "What happened was gifts or donations. This was a church. This was an outreach programme."

"Whether you believe Jim Bakker was divinely inspired or not, he had a divine inspiration and that was the Heritage Foundation. It was the product of a creative, religious genius. That was Jim Bakker's contribution to the Christian faith he believed in."

While Bakker was in court, his wife Tammy carried on their television broadcast.



A member of the Uhuru African Revolutionary Socialist Party raises his fist in the sign for black power as the casket bearing Newton's body awaits transportation to a local Oakland church Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Black Panther founder mourned

OAKLAND, California, Aug 28. (AP) — Thousands of friends and admirers of Huey P. Newton lined up for three blocks outside a funeral home yesterday to pay their respects to the slain founder of the Black Panthers Party.

"This is a terrible tragedy for blacks. He stood for black pride in the '60s and now he stands for the decimation of blacks by crack," said Leroy Johnson, 44, who was among the people waiting quietly to attend the daylong wake.

Jimmy Smith, operator of the Palmer D. Whitted Funeral Home in a rundown section of East Oakland, estimated that 6,000 people filed past Newton's open casket.

Shot

Newton, 47, was shot to death Tuesday in what police said was a dispute over crack cocaine in the drug-ridden West Oakland neighbourhood where he began organising blacks more than 20 years ago. Out of that work, Newton founded the Panthers with Bobby Seale.

Thousands of people, including fellow radicals from the 1960s and '70s, were expected to attend Newton's funeral today at the Allen Temple Baptist Church. The body was moved there later yesterday.

"He made us have black pride," said longtime friend Norma Corman, 38. "He was a good man destroyed by the badness of drugs."

However, many in line at the funeral home said they didn't believe the police account of Newton's death and blamed it on authorities.

Police

"The police were always after Huey," said Jeffrey Deleong, 28. Members of the Revolutionary Communist Party handed out leaflets saying "the word in the streets" was that Newton's death was caused by police.

A television cameraman taping interviews with mourners was attacked and injured by a group of men who had warned him earlier that they didn't want their pictures taken, police and KTVU-Channel 2 officials said.

Cameraman Henry Faybuss, his camera on his shoulder, later turned toward the men, and they came at him, apparently thinking he was taping them, said KTVU-Channel 2 Assignment Editor Eric Amorde.

The men, who had not been in line, kicked and punched Faybuss repeatedly, Amorde said.

Faybuss suffered cuts and scrapes, said Police Sgt. C. Vierra.

Arraignment

A self-proclaimed prison gang member who police say admitted killing Newton remained held without bail waiting arraignment today on a homicide charge.

Investigators say Tyrone Robinson, 25, told them he shot Newton in self-defence after Newton, who battled drug and alcohol addictions, pulled a gun on him and demanded crack.

Police said they don't believe the ex-convict's account and instead think the slaying was an attempt by Robinson to rise in the Black Guerrilla Family, a drug-running, prison-based gang that Newton allegedly opposed.

The Black Guerrilla Family was founded in the prison in the 1960s by inmate George Jackson, also a member of the Black Panthers, who died in an escape attempt at San Quentin Prison in 1971.

MOSCOW: A hermit who lived deep in a forest for 40 years has been discovered near Smolensk in central Russia, a Soviet newspaper reported.

The newspaper, Sovetskaya Kossiya, quoted by the Tass news agency, said Anton Smirnov, 74, took up life on a river bank in the forest because he was "alienated by official policy" toward religious believers. A member of an ascetic branch of the Russian Orthodox Church that split from the main church in the 17th century, Smirnov lived for a time with a fellow believer, who later died.

The report described Smirnov as "a short man with a shaggy gray beard." He goes barefoot throughout the year and lives in a chimney-less mud hut with only one small dirty window, the account said. "Smirnov eats once a day any food he can find," (AP).

COSTA MESA, California: Sam Gregory is bringing a touch of murmur to his oldie home in southern California's neighbourhood.

Remembering a time of courageous knights and horse-drawn carriages, Gregory is building a castle complete with cast-iron gates, a spiralling staircase, a moat and a drawbridge.

Once finished, the 3,000 square-foot (270 square metre) structure around Gregory's existing home will contain a living room, master bedroom, study, kitchen, dining room and bathrooms, said Gregory, who has been a general contractor for 25 years.

Already, the masonry and the skeleton of the structure has been completed. And there are two ducks, gifts to Gregory's wife, Rose, swimming in the moat.

Before the last concrete block is placed, Gregory said he expects to spend \$300,000 — a little more than planned. (AP).

DUBLIN, Ireland: The birthplace of Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw is up for sale, and his admirers are trying to raise money to turn the yellow brick rowhouse into a museum.

Members of the Shaw Birthplace Museum Trust said Friday they have met with financial backers about purchasing the eight-room house where Shaw was born in 1856. He lived in the house until he was 10.

The current owners, Aida and Eugene Giblin, want 165,000 Irish pounds (\$27,750) for the house at 53 Syge St in south Dublin is auctioned next month.

"It's about twice what it's worth. It's in a very bad state of repair," said trust chairwoman Nora Lever whose grandfather went to school with Shaw.

But the owners say the link to Shaw makes the house worth more. (AP).

WEYMOUTH, Massachusetts: As a tribute to their father, Abbie Hoffman's son and daughter are starting a group to unite environmental, human and animal rights groups.

"We were sitting around trying to figure out what would be in Abbie's spirit, and not some sort of mushy memorial gobbledygook," said Andrew Hoffman, 28.

Hoffman, a jeweller and carpenter, and his sister, Ilya, a "state social services caseworker," are calling the group organisers international. It debuted Thursday night at a benefit at a Boston nightclub.

Abbie Hoffman, 52, a lifelong political activist who co-founded the Yippie Movement, died April 12 in his Pennsylvania home. A coroner said Hoffman died of an overdose of the sedative phenobarbital and large quantities of alcohol. (AP).

ANKARA, A Park in Ankara was named on Sunday after Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme, who was assassinated in 1986, a municipality source in the Turkish capital said.

The park in Sincan district was given the name to associate it with democracy, human rights and peace, the source said. (Reuter).

JOHANNESBURG: Railway officials claimed four world records Sunday after sending a loaded freight train that extended 4.6 miles (7.4 km) in length over a distance of 538 miles (861 km) in 22 hours and 40 minutes.

Powered by 16 locomotives, the train's total mass was 70,857 metric tonnes and was equal in length to 666 trucks. It travelled an average speed of about 23 mph (38 kph).

Railway officials said the test on technology of heavy-loaded trains set world records for total mass, length, speed and distance, the South African Broadcasting Corp. reported. (UPI).

LINCOLN, Nebraska: June Christy concedes she might get a little teased when her lively quadruplets start school for the first time Monday.

"I'll try to control myself," she said, smiling. "I used to chuckle at these first-time mothers who got all weepy the first day of school. I used to think what's the big deal? Now I understand. It's just that separation."

Former Beatie Paul McCartney credits the continual touring of the Grateful Dead and its leader Jerry Garcia with inspiring his first tour since 1976.

"If Jerry can still do it that good, there's hope for us all," McCartney said.

The graying McCartney announced plans for an international concert tour earlier this week. He will join other middle-aged rockers on tour this year — The Who, the Rolling Stones and former Beatles drummer Ringo Starr. (Reuter wirephoto)

Whites taunt marchers protesting black teen's killing

NEW YORK, Aug 28. (AP) — Dozens of whites in a Brooklyn community where a black teen-ager was slain angrily taunted about 100 people who marched through the streets yesterday to protest the death.

The protesters, led by clergy members, gathered in the Bensonhurst neighbourhood where 16-year-old Yusef Hawkins was shot dead Wednesday as he was confronted by a gang of bat-wielding whites.

The group of about 30 blacks and 70 whites was escorted by 20 police on motorcycles and

dozens more on foot as about 300 white residents lined the street.

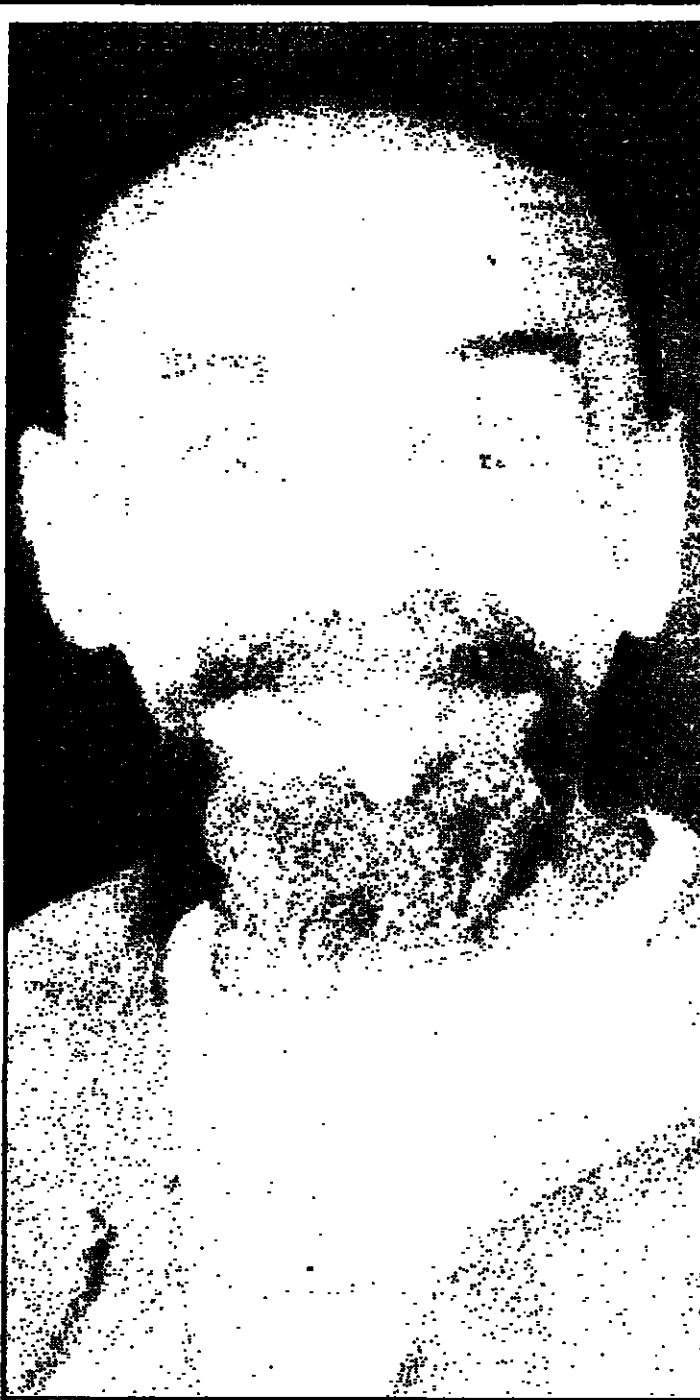
Many residents watched passively from windows and storefronts while others walked along the street waving posters in the air and chanting, "Go home. Go home."

Some residents shouted, "Free the boys from Bensonhurst," a reference to five white youths who have been arrested in the slaying. Others booed the marchers and chanted "Central Park, Central Park," referring to the recent rape and beating of a white jogger

there, allegedly by a gang of blacks and Hispanics. Some made obscene gestures.

One man was taken into custody but not immediately charged after a small firecracker was thrown at the demonstrators, said Sgt. Ed Burns, a police spokesman.

The protesters, led by the Rev. Timothy Mitchell, chanted, "Whose city? Our city," as they walked about 10 blocks from the site of the killing through the community's streets. "New York City is not going to become Johannesburg, South Africa."



Manson clowns around as he is led to his cell after his interview. (Reuter wirephoto)

Vengeance is mine: Manson

'Honour-bound to get even'

CORCORAN, California, Aug 28. (Reuter) — Twenty years after the murders he masterminded, Charles Manson thinks he is "a little more passive than I was." But he still has vengeance on his mind.

"I don't have a tendency to get mad as quick," he said in an interview last week. "This (prison) has mellowed me out a little. I was pretty upset for a long time, I was really mad at a lot of people."

But the man who planned the gruesome murders of seven people including actress Sharon Tate, the wife of film director Roman Polanski, is not so sure he should be let out of prison.

"I'm willing to get out and kill a whole bunch of people. That's one reason I'm not really too fast on getting out. Because if I got out, I'd feel obligated to get even. It would be an honourable thing."

It was on August 9, 1969 that Manson sent four members of the cult he called the "family" to butcher Tate and four others at a plush estate in the Bel-Air district of Los Angeles. The next night, Manson tied up businessman Leno LaBianca and his wife Rosemary in their home and left three disciples to kill them.

Manson was originally sentenced to death for the murders but the sentence was commuted to life in prison in 1972. He has been eligible for parole since 1978 but prosecutors say they are determined to keep the man they call the "embodiment of evil" behind bars for the rest of his life.

Now 54, Manson looks older, his beard flecked with grey. He has shaved the front of his head but allowed his mane to flow down to his shoulders, bringing the Swastika engraved in his forehead and his intense brown eyes into yet starker relief.

Wearing yellow overalls and handcuffs, he is a mass of physical and mental energy, seldom sitting still for long and jumping from one subject to another or lapsing into gibberish during the mesmerizing monologue that is often his conversation.

What is most striking about Manson, however, is the web of contradictions and ambiguity in which he lives.

He still protests he is innocent of the murders of which he was convicted, saying he never got a fair trial and was not responsible for the actions of his followers.

But he also seemed to excuse the murders by saying they were part of a war and "when you're at war there is no murder."

Manson's pet cause these days is the environment. But while he talks of saving trees in Brazil and cleaning up the oceans, his ultimate solution envisages mass death for human beings.

"What I think is going to happen is we have to bring biology and chemistry in and kill about four to 500 million of you and then maybe there might be some chance for a few left at the end. What is left over will survive."

The most startling contrast is between Manson's veneration for prison society, in which he has spent most of his life since he was 13, and his disgust for the outside world.

Manson's main desire seems to be to live among the general inmate population but prison officials say he is in too much danger from other prisoners. He was set on fire by an inmate while at another prison.

He talks almost reverently about the code of honour in prison. "We still have rules on this side... a uniform to keep everything in order. You guys don't abide by your rules."

He makes it clear that if he got out, he would feel "honour-bound" to commit more murders.

"I feel honour-bound to get even," he said.

"I just live in a different time zone, a different reality... you call it insanity, you call it psychotic, you call it all kinds of different things because your mind don't function in it."



It's carnival time

A local from Notting Hill in west London crosses the road to get a better look at the children's carnival Sunday. The Notting Hill Carnival is an annual event with the first day for children and the second for adults. The event has been marred by racial violence in the past. (Reuter wirephoto)

Author Irving Stone is dead

LOS ANGELES, Aug 28. (AP) — Author Irving Stone, the pioneer of the biographical novel who wrote the popular epic "Lust for Life," "The Agony and The Ecstasy" and "Love Is Eternal," has died at age 86.

Stone died of heart failure Saturday night at Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre, hospital spokesman Paula Correia said yesterday. He was admitted to Cedars-Sinai on July 24 after complaining of difficulty in swallowing.

Stone wrote a series of best-selling biographical novels that his publishing company estimates have totalled more than 30 million copies.

His fictionalised portraits include Michelangelo in "The Agony and The Ecstasy," Vincent Van Gogh in "Lust for Life," Jack London in "Sailor on Horseback," Abraham and Mary Lincoln in "Love Is Eternal," Sigmund Freud in "The Passions of the Mind," Charles Darwin in "The Origin," Andrew and Rachel Jackson in "The President's Lady," and Eugene Debs in "Adversary in the House."

Five of his books were made into movies. "The Agony and The Ecstasy," released in 1965, starred Charlton Heston in the title role. "Lust for Life," released in 1956, featured Kirk Douglas as Van Gogh and Anthony Quinn as Paul Gauguin.

Remarkable

"Irving Stone's gift was remarkable," Heston said yesterday. "He had a prodigious talent. We'll miss him, but I'm glad we still have his books."

Stone also produced "Clarence Darrow for the Defence," a biography of the famed lawyer.

In a 1985 interview with the Associated Press, Stone explained his fascination with biography:

"In the biographical novel there's only one person involved. I, the author, spend two to five years becoming the main character. I do that so by the time you get to the bottom of page two or three, you forget your name, where you live, your profession and the year it is. You become the main character of the book. You live the book."

His wife, Jean, said her husband was working on a biographical novel up to his death and she hoped it would somehow be completed in the future. She did not disclose the subject of the book.

"The only thing he ever wanted to do was write books and that's what he did all his life and we did it together," Mrs Stone said in a telephone interview from the couple's Beverly Hills home.

"That will be his immortality — the books he left," she added.

"Whether you call his books biographical novels or novelesque biographies, Irving Stone set out to do something completely distinctive and he succeeded," said Jack Miles, book editor of the Los Angeles Times. "He was a teacher as well as a writer."

"He brought history to millions of people who otherwise might not be interested in it," said Herbert Mitgang, cultural correspondent for The New York Times.

Born in San Francisco on July 14, 1903, Stone attended the University of California at Berkeley and taught economics there. He seemed destined for a teaching career until he went to Paris in 1926.

There he made his first acquaintance with the impressionist artists. Out of it came "Lust for Life," which was published in 1934.

Reflection

"Lust for Life" was turned down by 17 leading publishers in New York and Boston," Stone recalled in a 1984 interview.

"Always with the same comment: How can you sell a book about an unknown Dutch painter to the American public in the middle of a depression?"

"At the time I was engaged to Jean (Factor) but I had no money to get married," he continued. "She said, 'Let me read the book.' She suggested making cuts here and there and prepared a new typescript. Longmans Green, which had published only one novel before, accepted it."

"Lust for Life" allowed Stone and Ms Factor to marry, and she has been his editor ever since. For 55 years they had been associated with Doubleday and Co., one of the houses that initially rejected "Lust for Life."

Stone once said he never got lonely as a writer, and added, "I have always believed that the book is the most important tool that man has ever invented, more important than the wheel, cement or running water."

British TV satellite blasted into space

Commercial launch hailed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Aug 28, (Agencies): A communications satellite is orbiting earth after being propelled by a privately owned rocket in a launch that opens a new era in the space age for the United States.

"This orbital flight heralds the emergence of the US commercial launch industry," Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner said. "This is good news for our economy and for our continued leadership in key areas of space activity."

The 2,700-pound (1,224-kilogramme) Marcopolo 1 satellite was sped into space yesterday by a three-stage Delta rocket that performed flawlessly during a 27-minute climb into orbit.

The launching was the first in which a privately owned rocket sent a payload into orbit. Consort 1, the nation's first licensed commercial spacecraft, released a payload on a suborbital voyage in March.

"Delta 187 has placed the British Satellite Broadcasting satellite in orbit. We wish the spacecraft folks good luck," reported Ray Adams of McDonnell Douglas, which made the \$30 million Delta.

The satellite was sent into an elliptical orbit ranging from

about 100 to 22,300 miles (160 to 35,887 kilometres) high.

"We're nothing but smiles, it couldn't have gone any better," said James Dorrenbacher, president of McDonnell Douglas Space Systems Co.

Tomorrow, ground controllers are to send a signal to fire an onboard motor to place it in a stationary orbit 22,300 miles (35,887 kilometres) high, parking it over the middle Atlantic Ocean within view of the British Isles.

Marcopolo 1 is the first of two satellites designed to transmit television programmes direct to British homes equipped with 12-inch (30-centimetre) dish antennas, a set-top box and a remote control unit. The equipment will cost about \$450, said Anthony Simonds-Gooding, chief executive officer of British Satellite Broadcasting Ltd, operator of the satellite system.

"With the advent of direct-to-home broadcasting by satellite, there is going to be a huge increase in the number of channels becoming available to the British viewer," he said.

The launch was a milestone in the US commercial space programme that started after the 1986 Challenger explosion. After the space shuttle disaster, then-

president Ronald Reagan told the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to stop launching payloads for commercial customers. Reagan said the job should be done by private industry with unmanned rockets.

"This is not just another launch — it's the beginning of a new industry, a landmark event," said Stephanie Lee-Miller of the US Department of Transportation, which licenses commercial launches. She said 27 additional launches are scheduled through 1993.

Reagan's decision revitalised a US unmanned space rocket programme that was almost dead because of the nation's growing reliance on the manned space shuttle to launch all payloads.

Three major US aerospace companies took on the commercial space programme in earnest, and the McDonnell Douglas Delta was the first to the launch pad. Martin Marietta has scheduled a commercial launch with its Titan rocket later this year, and General Dynamics' Atlas is set to make its debut.

All three rockets are upgraded versions of boosters NASA and the Air Force have used for several years.

Erupting ice volcanoes detected

Nitrogen particle-throwing Triton intrigues scientists

PASADENA, California, Aug 28, (AP): Scientists believe Voyager 2 has detected active ice volcanoes on Neptune's moon Triton, which have blasted nitrogen ice 20 miles (32 kilometres) skyward and spawned ocean-sized floods of frozen lava.

The discovery, announced yesterday following examination of photographs taken by the space probe, would make Triton only the third object in the universe known to have active volcanoes.

"It's one of the most interesting and provocative worlds in the solar system," said Charles Kohlhaase, a Voyager mission scientist at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Triton apparently has three types of volcanoes.

Scientists announced two of them Friday: huge inactive crater-shaped volcanoes, called calderas, filled with lava made of ice instead of molten rocks; and long fault-line valleys filled with oozing ice, a process likened to toothpaste coming out of a tube slit with a razor blade.

Triton's biggest surprise came yesterday, when US geological survey geologist Laurence Soderblom announced that a third kind of volcanic activity apparently had been identified on the frosty moon.

The latest recorded photographs sent by Voyager reveal what look like active ice volcanoes that erupt explosively, spewing nitrogen ice particles and gas 12-20 miles (20-32 kilometres) high.

"The stuff comes shooting up like gas out of a gun barrel," said University of Arizona planetary scientist Bradford Smith, leader of Voyager's photographic imaging team.

Although Soderblom cautioned that the volcanic theory could turn out to be a "crazy idea," other scientists have expressed their support of the theory.

"It sounds like a very reasonable hypothesis," said Voyager project scientist Edward Stone.

The spacecraft made its closest approach to Neptune on Thursday night when it skimmed about 3,000 miles (4,800 kilometres) over the planet's north pole cloudtops.

Rejoice

Early Friday, it zoomed about 24,000 miles (38,600 kilometres) past Triton. Since then, it has been sending back recorded photos that revealed Triton's volcanic activity.

Voyager has discovered six moons orbiting Neptune in addition to Triton and Nereid, which were discovered from Earth. It also found five rings of debris orbiting the planet, including two broad bands of dust.

By 9 pm today (0400 GMT tomorrow), Voyager will be 2.76 billion miles (4.4 billion kilometres) from Earth and 3.65 million miles (5.8 million kilometres) from Neptune.

The probe is speeding toward interstellar space at 37,600 miles (60,500 kilometres) per hour.

As the craft sped toward the ill-defined boundary of the solar system, about 1,500 mission scientists, engineers and their families celebrated at a bash that featured rock 'n' roll legend Chuck Berry singing "Go, Voyager, Go" a slightly modified version of his classic "Johnny B. Goode."

A recording of that song and other Earth sounds were among the cultural and historical items aboard Voyager.

Soderblom compared the new type of ice volcanoes to sulphur-spewing volcanoes on Jupiter's moon Io. But he said the volcanoes on Triton are produced when liquid nitrogen in underground pools rises to the surface, where reduced pressure means "it's got to explode and will shower ice particles and gas."

Based on dark-coloured, plume-shaped deposits that stretch up to 50 miles (80 kilometres) downwind from the volcanoes, Soderblom estimated the eruptions eject frosty debris at scores of miles (kilometres) per hour, perhaps faster.

Smith said the deposits apparently contain radiation-darkened ices that fell to the surface after being carried skyward by the blast.

Soviets launch Cosmos-2037

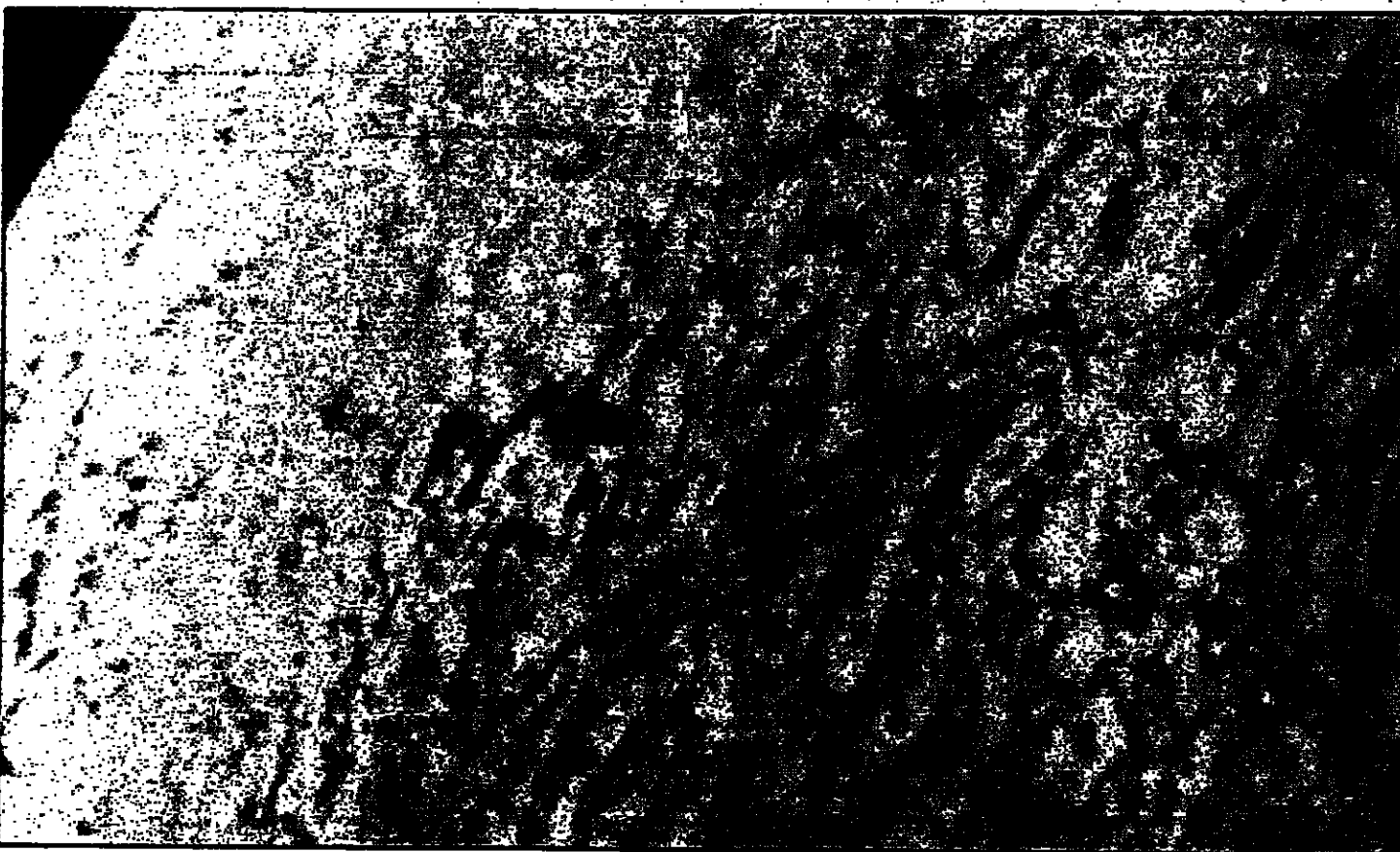
MOSCOW, Aug 28, (KUNA): The Soviet Union today launched an Earth satellite of the Cosmos series using a cyclone booster rocket.

The satellite, Cosmos-2037, is carrying scientific equipment intended for the continuation of the study of outer space, Soviet news agency, Tass, reported.

The on-board equipment is functioning normally, Tass said.



This photo of Triton taken by Voyager 2 reveals about 50 dark plumes of wind streaks on the icy surface. (Reuter wirephoto)



A detailed view of the surface of Triton shows most of area covered by roughly circular depressions separated by rugged ridges. (Reuter wirephoto)

Bag snatchers held

NEAPOLIS, Greece, Aug 28, (AP): A five-member Greek island bag snatching gang from London languished in a high security prison in this town on the island of Crete apparently too broke to buy off their sentences, said a prison official today.

The three men and two women were found guilty of bag snatching, theft and forming a gang over a two-month period and were sentenced on Friday by a court at Ayios Nikolaos, near here, to prison terms ranging from 13 to 16 months.

"All five have the right to buy off their sentences at 650 drachmas (\$4) a day, but they are so broke I doubt if they can meet the costs," said a Neapolis prison official by telephone who asked for anonymity.

Dike breaks

KIEL, West Germany, Aug 28, (AP): High winds and torrential rains flooded Baltic Sea areas of Schleswig-Holstein state over the weekend and sent water crashing through a dike, authorities reported today.

No injuries were reported from the storms, but streets in port cities of the northern state were flooded and school was cancelled.

Police evacuated residents of a nursing home and a village near Hohenfelde after the dike along the Baltic broke last night under the force of the wind-driven seawater.

3 Injured in clashes

OPORTO, Portugal, Aug 28, (AP): Three people were injured in clashes between soldiers from a parachute regiment and military police in Oporto's main railway station, media reports said today.

Independent radio TSF reported three people were wounded following a brawl at the Campanha station late yesterday between over 20 soldiers waiting for a train to Lisbon and 14 military policemen who were patrolling the station.

The military police fired shots but nobody was hit, the Portuguese news agency Lusa said. According to the agency, the fighting broke out after some parachutists began insulting the military police officers.

Baker sued

WASHINGTON, Aug 28, (UPI): The organization representing the Foreign Service officials announced this week it is suing Secretary of State James Baker to force him to disclose the qualifications of political ambassadorial appointees.

At issue in the suit brought by the American Foreign Service Association, which represents Foreign Service officers in their dealings with the State Department, is the so-called "certificates of competence" that tell the senate how political appointees are qualified for their posts.

Fire evacuation

HELSINKI, Aug 28, (UPI): Five Soviet train wagons carrying flammable toxic liquids caught fire early yesterday in a small Finnish town, releasing toxic gases into the air, fire authorities said.

The fire took place at the small Finnish harbour town of Hamina, 147 km (90 miles) east of the capital Helsinki.

A fire brigade spokesman said the blaze had been put out by last evening. No-one was hurt in the accident but 200 nearby residents, Hamina harbour and two factories were evacuated, the spokesman said.

Leader acquitted

SAN JUAN, Aug 28, (UPI): A 12-member jury has acquitted the self-proclaimed leader of an armed, clandestine group seeking Puerto Rican independence from the United States on eight charges of firing on FBI agents.

Judicial authorities are still holding Filberto Ojeda Rios, 55, under custody in Puerto Rico pending other charges in the federal court of Hartford, Connecticut, where he has been charged of involvement of the \$7 million Wells Fargo robbery in 1983. The Hartford Court has tried five of 12 suspects in the robbery.

After more than four hours of deliberation in Puerto Rico's federal district court, the jury of six men and six women announced their verdict late Saturday, clearing Ojeda of all the charges, authorities said.

Norway polls

OSLO, Norway, Aug 28, (AP): Disarray in the opposition could leave Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland in power even if her socialist Labour Party loses in next month's national elections, a leading opponent said today.

Carl I. Hagen, chairman of the Party of Progress, said at a press conference yesterday that "the non-socialist parties can't even agree on who their candidate for prime minister should be" with just over two weeks to go before the Sept 11 ballot.

"We non-socialists must show responsibility if we can't offer a workable alternative," said Hagen. Labour would have to rule until the opposition agreed on an alternative, he added.

Plane crash kills 6

NAIROBI, Kenya, Aug 28, (AP): A small, twin-engine plane crashed in a game park in southeastern Kenya, killing six tourists and their Kenyan pilot, authorities said today.

The 10-seat plane, which took off from the coastal city of Mombasa, crashed yesterday in Tsavo West National Park on route to the neighbouring Amboseli Game Park, said Martin Knus, manager of Private Safaries (EA), Ltd.

Private safaries organised the flight. The cause of the accident was not immediately known, but Knus said Kenya's Civil Aviation director had gone to the crash site to investigate. The identities of the victims were not immediately available.

Public hearing

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM: Aug 28, (AP): Survivors of the Nazi holocaust opened a public hearing yesterday to challenge experts' findings that the sadistic war criminal Dr Josef Mengele drowned in Brazil in 1979.

The three-day hearing before a 10-member tribunal at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial is focusing on claims of Mengele being spotted recently in places ranging from an island off the Portuguese coast to a dental clinic in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Kuwait Public Transport Co. Announcement

Registration of Suppliers and Contractors

The Kuwait Public Transport Co. (K.S.C.) invites applications for registering suppliers and contractors for the year 1989, in accordance with the following groups:

First: Supplies

- 1- Spare parts and other requirements for various buses and vehicles.
- 2- Tyres and batteries.
- 3- Marine spare parts, requirements and safety equipments for ferries.
- 4- Garage equipment and workshop requirements.
- 5- Paints and related accessories for vehicles and ferries.
- 6- Electrical and sanitary installation requirements.
- 7- Fire-fighting and safety equipment.
- 8- Uniforms for employees of the various departments of KPTC.
- 9- Various cleaning requirements.
- 10- Office stationery and publication equipment.
- 11- Telecommunication sets.
- 12- Medicines and health clinic requirements.
- 13- Oils and lubricants.

Second: Contracting Works

- 1- Normal construction contracts (comprehensive works).
- 2- Maintenance of garages floors.
- 3- Electrical and sanitary installation work.
- 4- Digging, filling up and concrete and reinforced concrete pouring.
- 5- Steel works.
- 6- Civil marine constructions.

The applications should include the following:

- Commercial name, full address and Commercial Registration Number.
- The legal status of the establishment and the type of activity practiced by the supplier or the contractor.
- Name of the manager
- Company bankers.

The following documents should be attached to the application:

- A photocopy of the C.R. and membership of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- A statement of previous works for contracting companies.
- The classification group for contracting companies and photocopies of the classification certificates with the Tenders Committee and Kuwait Municipality.

All applications should be sent in the name of Assistant Managing Director for Financial Affairs and Storage. Applications will be accepted till 30/9/1989 at the following address:

Kuwait Public Transport Co.
P.O. Box 375, Safat, 13004 - Kuwait.

All applications lacking any of the above mentioned documents or not fulfilling the conditions or sent after the fixed date will not be accepted. The KPTC has the right to accept or reject registration without providing reasons.

Banks blown up in Colombia

Traffickers escalate war

BOGOTA, Aug 28, (AP): Police in the city of Medellin have stepped up patrols after bombs damaged 10 banks, and news reports said the justice minister directing a crackdown on drugs has fled to the United States in fear of his life.

The domestic news reports also said yesterday that an appeals court revoked an arrest order accusing a drug kingpin of ordering two assassinations.

The bombings early yesterday in Medellin, Colombia's second-largest city, caused extensive damage to 10 branches of Banco Cafetero, Banco de Colombia and Banco del Estado, authorities said.

A police spokesman, who declined further identification, said a young man was killed, apparently while planting one of the bombs.

The spokesman said police patrols in Medellin, 215 miles (345 kilometres) north of Bogota, were being tightened to prevent any new attacks. He said extra police units had been stationed throughout Medellin to protect private and public buildings.

The city is the base for the Medellin cartel, which is the world's biggest drug cartel and reportedly responsible for 80 per cent of the cocaine smuggled to the United States.

Colombian Justice Minister Monica de Greiff has apparently not resigned and is in Washington discussing US support for a crackdown on Colombia's drug trade, the White House said today.

Colombia's President Virgilio Barco earlier denied reports that de Greiff, who is in the forefront of the fight against narcotics trafficking, had resigned because of death threats from drug cartels.

Rodrigo Lara Bonilla, a predecessor of de Greiff, was killed by assassins hired by the drug lords in 1984.

Last week, the traffickers declared war on the government after it began a crackdown in response to the assassinations of a magistrate, police colonel and Sen. Galan over a 48-hour period.

De Greiff has travelled to Washington on Friday where she was scheduled to confer with US Attorney General Dick Thornburgh.

White House spokesman Roman Popadiuk told reporters at President George Bush's vacation retreat that de Greiff "is presently in Washington and she will be meeting with various officials... she will be discussing such issues as the extradition process."

Popadiuk said President Barco had assured Bush there was no truth to news reports that de Greiff had decided to quit because of death threats against herself and her family.

De Greiff is aged 52 and has a three-year-old son.

Some Colombian news organisations reported yesterday that de Greiff, who has been in the justice post only since July 17, planned to resign.

There had been speculation her trip to the United States to co-ordinate US support for Colombia's drug crackdown would turn into an effort to seek a safe haven in Washington.

Her sudden departure would have dealt a severe psychological blow to Barco's efforts to mount an effective war against his nation's drug underworld despite intimidation that has included the murder of public officials.

Popadiuk said the US embassy in Bogota had been told that de Greiff had not quit and would be pursuing her official mission in Washington.

The newspaper El Tiempo reported yesterday that a court has struck down an arrest order for Medellin cartel boss Pablo Escobar. The order, issued by the court, accused Escobar of ordering the massacre of peasants at two ranches by rightwing death squads.

Israel Army Radio reported today that Israeli military trainers may have been working for rival drug cartels in a battle for control of the Colombian cocaine trade.

Ron Ben-Yishai, military commentator for Yedioth Ahrooth newspaper, told the radio two Israelis were arrested last June by officers of the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and were found to be carrying weapons, explosives and two pilotless aircraft.

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh says he expects the first alleged Colombian drug figure to be extradited to the United States this week.

Thornburgh said efforts to extradite Eduardo Martinez Romero, the most prominent alleged Colombian drug figure arrested in recent government sweeps against the cartel, are proceeding and "we expect to have him delivered to US authorities this week."



De Greiff in an updated file photo

US may call anti-drug summit

Covert action eyed

NEW YORK, Aug 28, (Agencies): The United States is considering "low intensity" covert attacks on drug targets in Colombia and intends calling a summit of Andean nations to co-ordinate strategy in the war on cocaine, Newsweek magazine reported yesterday.

Newsweek, citing unnamed US government sources, said among the options being considered to support Colombia in its renewed war on drug kingpins were interception of drug planes by the US Navy and "surgical strikes" by commandos against drug-producing plants and to kidnap leaders of the drug cartels.

But Newsweek said neither Washington nor Bogota want US ground troops deployed.

While no details were given about the drug summit it would presumably include Colombia, Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador, the leading cocaine producing nations in the region.

A US State Department spokesman was not immediately available to comment on the Newsweek reports.

Bush on Friday announced a \$65 million emergency programme to help Colombia fight its drug war, including sending 21 military helicopters and about 12 military advisers.

US Drug Policy Chief William Bennett, speaking on US television yesterday, insisted the advisers would not have a combat role.

"We will not be sending American military people or the advisers who will go down to help Colombians with our equipment into combat situations. They will avoid combat situations, they will avoid situations of conflict as best they can," he said.

The same issue of Newsweek also included a poll showing a 53 per cent majority of Americans were willing to send US troops to Colombia or other major drug exporting centres to help fight or arrest drug traffickers. But two-thirds of those polled by Newsweek magazine said they believed drug cartels would retaliate with increased violence against Americans if more traffickers were extradited to the United States.

Spanish police ended a 48-hour Mediterranean Coast crackdown on small-time drug pushers and criminals early yesterday, saying they had arrested more than 400 suspects and seized drugs, guns, jewellery and cars.

Police said the "Coast Operation" involved more than 4,000 policemen and a helicopter along the coast from the Catalonian region in the northeast to Andalusia region in the south, including the Andalusian "Costa del Sol", Balearic islands and Canary islands.

Police said the "Coast Operation" involved more than 4,000 policemen and a helicopter along the coast from the Catalonian region in the northeast to Andalusia region in the south, including the Andalusian "Costa del Sol", Balearic islands and Canary islands.

Police said the "Coast Operation" involved more than 4,000 policemen and a helicopter along the coast from the Catalonian region in the northeast to Andalusia region in the south, including the Andalusian "Costa del Sol", Balearic islands and Canary islands.

Police said the "Coast Operation" involved more than 4,000 policemen and a helicopter along the coast from the Catalonian region in the northeast to Andalusia region in the south, including the Andalusian "Costa del Sol", Balearic islands and Canary islands.

Police said the "Coast Operation" involved more than 4,000 policemen and a helicopter along the coast from the Catalonian region in the northeast to Andalusia region in the south, including the Andalusian "Costa del Sol", Balearic islands and Canary islands.

Police said the "Coast Operation" involved more than 4,000 policemen and a helicopter along the coast from the Catalonian region in the northeast to Andalusia region in the south, including the Andalusian "Costa del Sol", Balearic islands and Canary islands.

Police said the "Coast Operation" involved more than 4,000 policemen and a helicopter along the coast from the Catalonian region in the northeast to Andalusia region in the south, including the Andalusian "Costa del Sol", Balearic islands and Canary islands.

Police said the "Coast Operation" involved more than 4,000 policemen and a helicopter along the coast from the Catalonian region in the northeast to Andalusia region in the south, including the Andalusian "Costa del Sol", Balearic islands and Canary islands.

Police said the "Coast Operation" involved more than 4,000 policemen and a helicopter along the coast from the Catalonian region in the northeast to Andalusia region in the south, including the Andalusian "Costa del Sol", Balearic islands and Canary islands.

Police said the "Coast Operation" involved more than 4,000 policemen and a helicopter along the coast from the Catalonian region in the northeast to Andalusia region in the south, including the Andalusian "Costa del Sol", Balearic islands and Canary islands.

Filipino Army not so competent

Rightists remain a threat: senator

MANILA, Aug 28, (UPI): Right-wing elements in the armed forces remain a threat to President Corason Aquino two years after a bloody coup attempt nearly toppled her government, an outspoken Filipino senator said today.

Senator Ernesto Maceda, chairman of the Senate Defence Committee, said in an interview with United Press International the 159,000-member military is still struggling to rise above incompetence and corruption while battling extremists on the left and the right.

Army Col. Gregorio 'Gringo' Honasan mounted an uprising on Aug 28, 1987, that left 53 people dead and more than 300 wounded. The mutiny, which nearly

caused Aquino's ouster, was the fifth since she took power in a popularly backed military revolt in 1986.

The 41-year-old Honasan, captured in November 1987, escaped from a prison ship in Manila Bay four months later and still is at large.

"Of the 1,988 officers and soldiers who joined the failed coup, nine have been convicted and 300 are facing court martial. The rest have been acquitted or had charges against them dropped."

Manila's newspaper, today quoting national police intelligence chief Brig. Gen. Gerardo Flores, said Honasan eluded agents who raided two suspected hideouts Friday in the suburban towns of

Pasig and Kalookan.

Aquino's National security director, retired Gen. Rafael Iletto, recently told the Senate Defence Committee that the military is the source of concern, Maceda said.

"There are 12 areas (national security officials) are looking at and one of these areas is still the threat within the military establishment," Maceda said.

Maceda, a member of the ruling coalition, said he shares Iletto's view.

Maceda said that while the threat of a coup remains, such an uprising likely would not succeed. Aquino has made progress in relations with the military and, in general, soldiers no longer feel neglected, he said.

Maceda cited the substantial increase in salary Aquino granted to military personnel early in 1988.

But "there is some basis" to the claim that some generals are "coddling" Honasan, Maceda said. Rodolfo Canieso, head of the civilian national intelligence centre and former army commander, made the claim in testimony to the Senate Defence committee.

Maceda said the military leadership has not made up its mind on whether to give priority to Honasan's capture or to battling the 23,000-member communist New People's Army, which has been battling the government for 20 years.

Rebel Chinese student gaoled

BEIJING, Aug 28, (AP): A Chinese student accused of spreading rumours to the Voice of America radio station has been given a nine-year prison term in the first reported sentencing of a student participant in the crushed pro-democracy protests.

Zhang Weiping was sentenced by the Hangzhou Intermediate People's Court on charges of spreading counter-revolutionary propaganda and instigating criminal acts, the China Youth News reported today.

Zhang, a student at Zhejiang Fine Arts Institute in the eastern city of Hangzhou, admitted to the charges against him when he was sentenced on Saturday, but would not acknowledge that his acts were counter-revolutionary, the newspaper said.

The court said that on June 6, two days after the bloody military crackdown on the pro-democracy movement in Beijing, Zhang called the US government-funded VOA and falsely reported that students in Hangzhou had forced local authorities to fly the Chinese flag at half-staff to mourn the Beijing victims.

It said Zhang sent a tape of the VOA broadcast of his report to his university, and "it created a very bad political influence."

The court also accused Zhang of drawing eight cartoons vilifying Communist Party and government leaders.

Chinese police have arrested thousands of workers and students who took part in the pro-democracy movement from April through June.

The courts have publicly sentenced dozens of workers to long prison terms on charges of rioting and causing social disturbances. At least 12 non-students have been executed for destroying public property and attacking police.

Authorities have announced the arrests of 21 student leaders placed on a nationwide wanted list after the military crackdown, but none so far has been brought to public trial.

VOA, which has a large audience in China, has been accused by the Chinese government of "rumour mongering" in its reports on the military push to drive students from Tiananmen Square, in which hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of unarmed people were killed.

The VOA Beijing bureau chief and another VOA reporter were expelled from China for their reporting activities.

Taiwanese diplomats met with South Korean officials today to seek a South Korean visa extension for a Chinese student who fears punishment for alleged anti-government acts if returned home.

Taiwanese embassy officials in Seoul said they were seeking help from South Korean authorities after their government decided to grant a Taiwan passport to the student, Yang Po.

"It's up to (the South Korean government)," said an embassy official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Earlier reports from Taiwan said the passport would be issued to help Yang study in South Korea or some other country of his choice.

Yang's visa expired yesterday, but it is not clear whether South Korea would allow him to stay or expel him to a third country.

Peace plan tabled

De Klerk, Kaunda discuss apartheid

LIVINGSTONE, Zambia, Aug 28, (AP): South African leader F.W. de Klerk outlined a plan to resolve his country's racial conflict and received a guarded endorsement today from Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, one of South Africa's harshest critics for the past 25 years.

De Klerk and Kaunda covered a range of pressing regional issues during two hours of talks at a hotel in Livingstone, a tourist town in southern Zambia near Victoria Falls.

"I had the opportunity to give a positive vision of the future in which South Africa is going to break out of the cycle of conflict," de Klerk said at a brief news conference after the talks. "We are going through with negotiations and dialogue."

Asked about de Klerk's vision of a future South Africa, Kaunda said: "There are certain democratic principles which he says he intends to implement. About those I see no disagreement at all."

Both leaders declined to be more specific.

De Klerk's trip was seen as a major step toward improving South Africa's relations with its black neighbours.

Kaunda, one of Africa's elder statesmen, has been a leading anti-apartheid critic since he led Zambia to independence from Britain in 1964. He also allows the African National Congress, which wages a guerrilla campaign against South Africa's white led-government, to maintain their headquarters in the Zambian capital of Lusaka.

The two leaders gave no clear indication that they specifically discussed the ANC.

De Klerk has said the ANC must renounce violence before it could be included in any negotiations. The ANC, in turn, has said de Klerk's government must lift all restrictions on political activity, free political prisoners and end the state of emergency imposed in South Africa before any peace talks can begin.

Kaunda has said he wants the ANC and the South African government to negotiate. But he said in his talks with de Klerk that he "wasn't speaking for the ANC."

De Klerk and Kaunda discussed the crumbling effort to end Angola's 14-year civil war and the independence process in Namibia, the territory South Africa has ruled for 74 years.

In Angola, the UNITA rebels called off a fragile two-month-old truce last week, saying Kaunda and other African leaders had misinterpreted a June 22 peace agreement reached in Zaire.

However, UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi met with de Klerk in South Africa on Sunday and issued a conciliatory statement.



A doctor treats a 16-year-old youth who received birdshot wounds in the Cape Town township of Bonteheuwel. (Reuter wirephoto)

Pupils protest

Six blacks killed

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 28, (Agencies): South African police tear-gassed hundreds of black pupils today after a protest march against racially segregated schools, witnesses said.

They said pupils and teachers marched towards a prestige whites-only school in Queenstown, near the Indian Ocean city of east London, as part of a nationwide defiance campaign against Pretoria's race laws.

Police stopped the march but allowed a small delegation into the school. Tear-gas was fired as marchers dispersed.

Six blacks have been slain in recent attacks near Pietermaritzburg, a southeastern city where black factional fighting was claimed nearly 2,000 lives in three years, police said today.

Three men were fatally shot in the Inbali township, police said, including two who were leaving a peace rally held by a youth group.

In the nearby Mpumalanga township, police found two charred bodies and also reported a man shot dead in a clash between two unidentified groups.

Clashes between anti-apartheid campaigners and police have escalated during the month-old campaign as South Africa gears up for next week's general election excluding blacks.

Demonstrators in the Cape Town area have clashed almost daily with police armed with tear-gas, rubber bullets and whips, in the biggest upsurge of black anger since South Africa's townships exploded into violence in the mid-1980s.

Anti-apartheid leaders have urged campaigners to take only non-violent action.

In Pretoria, black people trying to board white-only buses today were foiled when drivers closed automatic doors or refused to stop. Organisers said only two non-white passengers, both ethnic Indians, managed to board.

They said intimidators fired shots and lobbed a petrol bomb at activists' homes last night, but no one was hurt.

One campaign organiser, cleric Ivor Jenkins, received death threats from a man claiming to represent a shadowy extreme-rightist group called the White Wolves.

Police said they were investigating the incidents.

In Johannesburg, leading anti-apartheid cleric Beyers Naude called for United States pressure on Pretoria to lift curbs on hundreds of activists.

Cambodia talks in shambles

Last-ditch effort by France

PARIS, Aug 28, (Reuters): France was due to convene a last-ditch round of international peace talks on Cambodia today but weary negotiators said only a diplomatic miracle could prevent worse fighting in the Southeast Asian nation.

Diplomats from 19 participating nations said the demands of the main protagonists — the pro-Vietnamese government and the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge — appeared intractable.

The Khmer Rouge's non-communist allies showed signs of disarray after the coalition head, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, resigned yesterday without explanation as chief of his own faction.

In contrast to its stirring July 30 debut, when foreign ministers from major powers pleaded for peace in a country suffering from nearly two decades of conflict, the conference finale will take place amid a sense of desperation.



Sihanouk

"Only a miracle can save these talks, they're a shambles," a Western envoy said.

A senior French diplomat said this week's round, which ends on Wednesday, would attack "the heart of the problem" — how to set up an interim government of guerrillas and pro-Hanoi leaders until eight million Cambodians can vote in elections.

Negotiations have been deadlocked by the demands of

the Khmer Rouge and its allies to share power with Prime Minister Hun Sen. But the Phnom Penh premier hardened his 10-year-old government's stand by calling for the Khmer Rouge's abolition as a military and political force.

The guerrillas and their Asian and Western backers ruled out any accord which does not verify a total September pullout of the Vietnamese troops supporting Hun Sen. They also want a foreign peace-keeping force to police Cambodia until elections.

Both sides have rejected each other's ceasefire proposals during the talks. Diplomats said supporters of the opposing sides have for months been beefing up their proxies and fighting will intensify if the talks fail.

"It will probably take another dry season (October-May) of fighting to restore some reality to the Cambodians and get them back to negotiating," one Western diplomat said.

LDP's nominee elected mayor

TOKYO, Aug 28, (Reuters): A candidate supported by Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) won yesterday's Kyoto mayoral election, giving Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu some good news after his administration's brush with scandal last week.

Tomoyuki Tanabe, a 64-year-old doctor, beat his Communist-backed closest rival, Manpei Kimura by a margin of 321 votes. There were seven other candidates, including one supported by the main opposition Japan Socialist Party. Tanabe gained 148,836 votes.

"I am pleased over Mr Tanabe's victory," Kaifu said. "I would like to express my respect to the people who showed understanding (to us)."

Four major opposition parties, which agreed to build a coalition on national level, could not agree on a common candidate in Kyoto, Japan's ancient former capital.

Tanabe was also supported by the Clean Government Party and the Social Democratic Party.

The election was the first test for the LDP since Kaifu's chief cabinet secretary, Tokuo Yamashita, resigned last week after confirming he had an extramarital love affair with a bar girl.

The Yamashita affair blew up just two weeks after Kaifu took office and raised doubts about his ability to clean up the LDP image, bruised by sex and bribery scandals.

Meanwhile, Kaifu hopes that talks with US President George Bush on Friday will boost his prestige at home before the next general elections and turn attention away from domestic scandals.

"It's going to be an important trip for Kaifu," said Taizo Yakushiji, a professor of politics at Saitama University. "If he wins Bush's favour and performs well in Washington, he could strengthen his political base at home."

"What the prime minister will stress to the (US) president is that Japan does maintain its political continuity despite changes in the cabinet," a Foreign Ministry official said.

Analysts said the success of the meeting will depend on Bush not pressing him too hard on thorny bilateral problems such as the huge trade imbalance.

Kaifu's first overseas visit since he succeeded Souseki Uno as premier on Aug 10 takes him to the United States on Wednesday.

He then goes to Mexico, where he will meet President Carlos Salinas de Gortari on Sept 5.

Roger kills 3

TOKYO, Aug 28, (UPI): Typhoon Roger lashed a wide area of Japan with torrential rain, leaving at least three people dead, three missing, and 11 injured, officials said today.

A 61-year-old man was killed by a landslide in Tokyo, and an 8-year-old girl drowned in a rain-swollen river in Saitama, northwest of the capital, police said.

Three people fell into a flooded river in Saitama and Tokushima and were listed as missing.

In Ehime, western Japan, three members of a family were injured by a landslide that hit their house.

The torrential rains caused at least 85 landslides, and submerged more than 120 roads and railroad lines in western and northern Japan yesterday, police said.

The storm headed for Okhotsk in the Soviet Union today.

Junta likely to take power in Panama

PANAMA CITY, Aug 28, (Reuters): A junta, possibly including the military, is the most likely form of government to take power in Panama from next Friday, the head of the ruling party said yesterday.

But diplomats say that whatever happens military strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega is likely to maintain his behind-the-scenes grip on power.

Government officials say they are discussing various options to run the country from

September 1, when a government elected in annulled May 7 elections should have taken power.

Asked if a junta was the most likely possibility, Carlos Duque, president of the ruling Democratic Revolutionary Party, told reporters: "It seems so."

"A government junta which speeds up our internal machinery, eliminates the present slowness of the bureaucracy and above all which moves towards elections as soon as

possible," he said.

Duque, official presidential candidate in the May elections, said a junta would not necessarily include military members but could do so. "I don't rule out the possibility," he said.

He would not name possible members of the new government expected to take over from acting President Manuel Solis Palma.

Other options mentioned by officials include appointing a new acting president.

INTERNATIONAL

Half of Americans expect a third world war

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (AP): Fifty years after World War II erupted, half of all US residents believe global war will consume the world again one day, a Media General-Associated Press poll has found.

A majority of those who expect another world war believe it will happen within two decades, the survey found. And if it does

recur, most Americans fear it will escalate into an all-out nuclear conflagration.

A majority of respondents to the poll also said one of World War II's darkest episodes could recur: a holocaust on the order of Nazi Germany's murder of more than six million Jews.

The 1,163 US respondents were asked: "Do

you think that kind of thing could happen again — that is, the killing of millions of people because of their religion or ethnic background?" Six in 10 said it could.

More than one million German soldiers invaded Poland on Sept. 1, 1939, prodding France and Britain to declare war on Germany a few days later. World War II lasted

until 1945, claiming the lives of an estimated 50 million people.

The United States joined the war in 1941 after the Japanese attacked the US Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Four years later, the US Air Force hastened Japan's surrender by dropping atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki — still the only time

nuclear weapons have been used in war.

Six in 10 poll respondents said they felt that bombing Hiroshima, in which up to 200,000 people died, was the right thing to do. Seventy percent of the men in the survey supported the bombing; half the women agreed with it.

Two in 10 respondents said they sometimes think of Japan as the enemy because of the

war. And with Japan now one of the world's leading economic powers, nearly four in 10 said the United States did too much to help rebuild Japan after the war.

A smaller group, 24 per cent, said the United States did too much to help rebuild West Germany, which also has one of the world's strongest economies today.



Act of defiance

Moldavian demonstrators hold up a banner pertaining to the 1939 Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact during a nationalist rally Sunday in Kishinev in Soviet Moldavia. The rally took place in defiance of a Central

Committee statement condemning the rise of nationalist feelings in the Baltic states. (Reuter wirephoto)

180 more Germans flee into Austria

VIENNA, Austria, Aug. 28. (AP): Authorities said early yesterday that about 180 East Germans had fled from Hungary to Austria in the last 24 hours, despite increased Hungarian attempts to stop them.

In Hamburg, West Germany's Welt Am Sonntag newspaper reported that Hungarian officials told their West German counterparts of increased Soviet and East German concern about the stream of East Germans fleeing through Hungary.

Bonn officials, meanwhile, said on West German Radio that Hungary had repeated assurances that no East German now in Hungary would be sent back against his or her will.

Austrian police officials in Eisenstadt, about 15 kilometres (10 miles) north of the border with Hungary, told the Austrian Press Agency that new arrivals reported continued Hungarian attempts to keep cars with East German licence plates away from the boundary.

All East German cars approaching Nagycenk, three kilometres (two miles) east of the border, and 30 kilometres (20 miles) south of Eisenstadt, were being turned back by police, several refugees were quoted as saying.

East Germans frustrated with the lack of domestic political or economic reform began fleeing through Hungary into Austria early this summer. Their final goal is West Germany, which considers them citizens.

The border between reform-minded Hungary and Austria is relatively easy to cross. Hungary removed barbed wire and other barriers in April, in a symbolic opening to the West.

Because Hungary is an allied communist country, East Germans can visit relatively easily, and West German authorities estimate that more than 5,000 have fled through Hungary since July.

Hundreds more refuse to leave West German diplomatic property in Budapest unless guaranteed safe passage to the West. East German authorities are crowding West German embassies, consulates and missions in East Berlin and Prague.

Facing pressure from East Germany, Hungary tightened controls after East Germans in groups of as many as 500 stormed border points. Authorities in Budapest announced Friday that border guards would be bolstered by armed units of the workers militia.

But Hungary is also interested in West German support as it strives to improve its trading status with West European countries and seeks convertible currency to modernise its economy.

Army backs govt

Walesa to appeal for strike moratorium

WARSAW, Aug. 28. (Agencies): Poland's communist defence minister has said he will support a Solidarity-led government but warned that it must not pull the country out of the Warsaw Pact or jeopardise Polish security interests.

General Florian Siwicki, speaking at a military graduation ceremony, said the country must maintain its military strength because "real threats" still existed to peace in Europe.

But his assurances of Army co-operation were a major boost for Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, a Solidarity editor and adviser who is putting together the first government in Eastern Europe dominated by non-communists for more than 40 years.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa also boosted Mazowiecki, saying today he would call for a national strike moratorium when Mazowiecki, named his cabinet.

"We will announce the moratorium when the cabinet is announced," he told reporters in the northern city of Gdansk.

After four days in office, Mazowiecki has won the backing of the Soviet Union, the United States, the Army and the acting interior minister — who controls the police.

He has already said Poland will not withdraw from the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact military alliance and offered the Communist Party control of the defence and interior ministries.

Another senior official was quoted today as saying the Communist Party will support the Solidarity-led government of Mazowiecki to prevent more "radical" groups from taking power



Blum joins Walesa (right) in flashing the victory sign during a rally in Gdansk. (Reuter wirephoto)

in Poland.

Leszek Miller, one of 17 members of the party's policy-making politburo, said it would support Mazowiecki's non-communist government because its collapse would mean "the emergence of more radical groups of the political opposition."

Miller spoke Friday during a rally with workers in Kalisz, southwestern Poland. The text of his speech was published today in the Communist Party newspaper Trybuna Ludu.

The Communist Party — which had ruled Poland since World War II until Mazowiecki's was named prime minister last week — "must be concerned with the interest of Poland in the first place but not with the party interest," he said.

Miller, considered a rival of party leader Mieczyslaw Rakowski, made similar comments on Sunday in an appearance on Soviet television along with Solidarity activist Jan Litynski.

Litynski said Poland and the Soviet Union were following the same path of reforms.

"It offers considerable chance for deepening co-operation," he said, pledging that Poland will remain a member of the Warsaw Pact.

"Considering Poland's leaving the Warsaw Pact or breaking co-operation with the Soviet Union would be irresponsible political adventurism," Litynski said.

At a breakfast with West German Labour Minister Norbert Blum, Walesa outlined his ideas for economic reform, including establishment of Western banks in Poland, creation of joint ventures with Western businesses and a restructuring of the payment schedule for Poland's staggering \$39 billion debt.

In another development, a Catholic spokesman said a strongly worded and controversial speech on Saturday by Roman Catholic Cardinal Jozef Glemp was meant to clarify a recent rift in Catholic-Jewish relations in Poland.

Glemp told a crowd of 150,000 people in Warsaw he supported the right of Carmelite nuns to pray for victims of Nazi atrocities at a convent on the grounds of the former Auschwitz death camp.

More than 1,000 Jewish Holocaust survivors have called on Pope John Paul II to remove a controversial Carmelite convent from a building at the site of the Auschwitz concentration camp.

US Senator Robert Dole said today that Poland needed more Western investment, rather than more aid, to help reform its economy.

Poland today urged Japan to render formal and informal financial assistance to the Warsaw government which has put an end to 40 years of communist rule in the East European nation.

Baltic leaders decry warning

Kremlin summons Lithuanian party chief

MOSCOW, Aug. 28. (Reuter): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev broke into his holiday to telephone Lithuanian Communist Party chief Algirdas Brazauskas during a row over nationalism in the Baltic republics, a Brazauskas aide said today.

The call came from Gorbachev's vacation home yesterday after the Kremlin warned Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia to curb nationalist sentiment, Algirdas Zhukauskas told Reuters.

He refused to say whether the two men discussed the warning by the Communist Party central committee, and would not give details of their conversation.

But the timing of Gorbachev's call indicated he was concerned about developments in the Baltic republics, where officials and activists were angry over the weekend Kremlin blast.

A spokesman for the independent mass movement Sajudis said the Lithuanian Party chief planned to meet Gorbachev in the next few days. But Zhukauskas declined to confirm this.

"The call came to us. Yes it was him (Gorbachev) but I don't want to comment on the conversations of other people," he said by telephone from Riga.

Sajudis leader Vytautas Landsbergis told Reuters he thought the Kremlin statement may have been preparing the ground for intervention in the Baltics, possibly with the use of troops.

In Moscow, an official Soviet spokesman said he had no details on how the central committee drafted the declaration, which was read over television.

Such statements result from plenary sessions of the central committee or are issued by its secretariat. Gorbachev's vacation led to speculation that he did not approve the text.

"I can tell you that no (central committee) meeting was called, but I do not have the information about the exact procedure," Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennadiy Gerasimov told a news conference today.

The Kremlin spoke out after up to two million people demonstrated in the three Baltic republics last week against a 1939 Nazi-Soviet deal which assigned the formerly independent states to the Soviet sphere of influence.

The Latvian Popular Front, one of the mass movements criticised by the Kremlin in a declaration issued on Saturday, sent a telegram to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev asking him to reveal who had written the statement.

Communist Party leaders in Lithuania, the third Baltic republic, and Estonia met today to discuss the Kremlin statement, which charged that "nationalist hysteria" in the Baltics threatened to tear the country apart.

Nationalist movements also came under fire from the Communist Party newspaper Pravda which branded thousands of Moldavians who demonstrated yesterday as power-hungry separatists.

The Communist Party ideology chiefs of Latvia and Estonia, Ivars Kebzeris and Mikl Tuitma, went on television and radio in their republics yesterday evening to criticise the Kremlin statement issued by the Communist Party central committee.

"Kebzeris said the statement was provocative and interference in our affairs," Janis Jurkans, spokesman for the Latvian Popular Front, said by telephone from Riga.

"He said it means in Moscow they do not know the real situation in our republic. But our reaction will be calm and restrained, we shall not given in to these provocations."

Soviet leaders enjoy perks Pampered life

MOSCOW, Aug. 28. (UPI): Communist Party leaders continue to enjoy privileges such as fancy foods, private cars and colour televisions, despite their pledges to reform their ways, a weekly magazine said yesterday.

"Gradations among the privileged are strictly observed," said an article in Ogoniok. "Makes of cars, monthly food rations, quality of health care, prestige of apartment" reflect one's rank within the party.

The practice of awarding pre-requisites to party leaders has been harshly criticised by ordinary citizens for whom food supplies have not improved as Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev has tried to restructure the country's depressed economy.

Boris Yeltsin has become a folk hero for his call for an end to party privileges. After he was fired as Moscow party chief in 1987 for telling Gorbachev perestroika was giving the people nothing, he was the top vote getter in elections to the Supreme Soviet.

Gorbachev has criticised the system but has not proposed concrete changes.

"As soon as somebody takes a certain post in the party or Soviet apparatus, he immediately and very willingly falls out from everyday life concerns of the country he is supposed to serve," a Moscow doctor E. Yastrebova wrote to Ogoniok.

US senators and members of the British Parliament do not have special stores to do their shopping, "let there be none for ours," wrote R. Solodnikov of Moscow. "Make their wages higher, several times, but let their wives run around shops, stand in lines alongside us to get what is called 'food'."

A Ryazan citizen complained that he would not get any butter for more than a fortnight while in six months the Ryazan regional party committee consumed huge amounts of caviar and 6,000 cans of crab, foods not available to ordinary citizens.

Papa aide under watch

ATHENS, Aug. 28. (Reuter): Public Order Minister Yannis Kefaloyannis said today that former socialist government spokesman Yannis Roubatis was kept under surveillance in Greece and abroad for possible involvement in terrorist activities.

Kefaloyannis told reporters Roubatis, a personal aide of former prime minister Andreas Papandreu, was among a number of officials watched by the Greek Intelligence Service (EYP) during eight years of socialist rule.

He said the EYP kept files on political parties including the main conservative opposition New Democracy and the Greek Communist Party.

More than 16 million files concerning the activities of private citizens during a civil war from 1946 to 1949 between conservative government forces and communist guerrillas will be burnt tomorrow.

Kefaloyannis said the socialists did not destroy the files despite a promise by Papandreu in 1984.



Maxi Mini show

To mark the 30-year-old anniversary of British motor car the "Mini" 25,000 cars turned up to parade at Silverstone race track yesterday. Dutchman Jerry Vulliamy shows his remodeled version of the car. (Reuter wirephoto)

BBC marks 50 years of monitoring foreign radios

CAVERSHAM, England, Aug. 28. (AP): Whether it's Adolf Hitler's death in a Berlin bunker or Ayatollah Khomeini ordering author Salman Rushdie killed, someone is always listening at the graceful Victorian mansion near London.

The British Broadcasting Corporation's monitoring service yesterday marked 50 years of listening to other countries' broadcasts. That has earned it the nickname of Britain's ears — and now eyes, too, as it moves into satellite TV monitoring.

BBC monitoring tunes in to broadcasts from 33 countries in 31 languages, often getting first word of political upheavals, coups and natural disasters.

The government-funded agency produced its first digest of foreign broadcasts for subscribers on Aug. 27, 1939, five days before the outbreak of World War II, leading with a Nazi Germany radio report on a new rationing decree.

It started out monitoring only German and Italian radio. Within two years, it was picking up news bulletins in 30 languages.

Now, its 350 editors and multilingual monitors, who translate and transcribe incoming broadcasts using headphones and typewriters, daily get through as many as 600 broadcasts in languages ranging from Kazakh to Farsi to Swahili.

Among the "scoops" it claims were the outbreak of World War II and Nazi Germany's dawn invasion of the Soviet Union in 1941; the deaths of Soviet leader Konstan-

tin Chernenko and former President Andrei Gromyko, and the Iranian patriarch's Feb. 14 call on Muslims to kill Rushdie for allegedly blaspheming Islam in his novel "The Satanic Verses."

On May 1, 1945, it picked up a North German home service broadcast which said, "... Our Fuehrer (leader), Adolf Hitler, fighting to the last breath against Bolshevism, fell for Germany this afternoon." Hitler had committed suicide.

Former monitor Vladimir Rubinstein recalls that the first intimation he had in 1956 of the Hungarian uprising was from a monitor who noticed that a Hungarian radio announcer "did not sound his usual self. He seemed to be a little bit uncertain and agitated."

It later turned out, he told BBC radio, that the station had been seized by the rebels.

In its early years, the service's antennae picked up radio broadcasts from a wooden hut on a hilltop near Evesham in western England. Monitors scrambled up the hill several times a day with wicker baskets to collect the wax cylinders on which transmissions were recorded.

Its headquarters moved to Caversham Park, 35 miles (56 kilometres) west of London, in 1943. The complex, surrounded by grain fields and containing a lake, orchards and playing fields, is midway through a six-year, 18-million-pound (\$29 million) modernisation to computerise editorial tasks, refurbish its high-frequency aerials and add a third 30-foot (10 metre) satellite signal receiving

Historic radio days remembered

LONDON, Aug. 28. (AP): Some major broadcasts picked up by BBC monitoring:

"This night for the first time Polish regulars fired on our own territory. Since 5:45 am we have been returning fire, and from now on bombs will be met with bombs ..." — German Radio, Sept. 1, 1939, on the outbreak of World War II.

"Yesterday, the city of Hiroshima suffered considerable damage due to attacks by a small number of enemy B-29s ... The enemy used a new type of parachute bomb which appears to explode in the air." — Tokyo Radio, Aug. 7, 1945.

Since 1942, BBC monitoring has shared information with the US government's foreign broadcast information service, and between them they carve up the globe.

The BBC monitors the Soviet Union, Eastern and Western Europe, North Africa, parts of the Middle East and Afghanistan. The US service, with 16 listening stations, monitors some 100 countries in Latin America, the Far East, Australasia, South America and the Indian sub-continent.

"The Soviet government has ordered the dismantling of the bases and dispatch of the equipment to the USSR. I appreciate your assurance that the United States will not invade Cuba." — Moscow Radio, Oct. 28, 1962, Nikita Khrushchev's message to President John F. Kennedy ending the superpower missile crisis.

"In a short while, the Czechoslovak Radio will broadcast an extremely important news item. Stay at your sets. Wake up your fellow citizens." — Prague Radio, Aug. 21, 1968, announcing the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia.

Together, their monitors produce up to 750,000 words daily. A 100,000-word daily summary from Caversham goes to government departments, news organisations, embassies, universities and commercial companies.

The agency also operates a 24-hour "flash" news service offering immediate gleanings of important news.

The British government provides about 11 million pounds (\$7 million) a year and "also prescribes" what countries we listen to," said general manager Bary Whitehall.

Kohl to remain party leader

BONN, Aug. 28. (AP): Chancellor Helmut Kohl today emerged from a closed-door meeting with leaders of his conservative Christian Democratic Union as the sole contender for party leadership heading into the 1990 national election campaign.

The party's support often much-needed backing for the chancellor, who has suffered a sharp drop in popularity among voters this year.

But the apparent decision to retain Kohl as party leader and presumably his candidate for chancellor next year could disappoint the majority of West German voters who want a change from the status quo.

A public opinion poll released over the weekend by the respected Emnid Research firm of Bielefeld and commissioned by the weekly news magazine Der Spiegel indicated that 71 per cent of West German voters questioned want an alternative to Kohl as chancellor — including 59 per cent of the respondents claiming allegiance to Kohl's CDU.

The poll of 1,000 voters showed 38 per cent support the CDU and its Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union, and an equal 38 per cent favour the left-leaning Social Democratic Party. The margin of error is plus or minus 3.5 per cent.

With neither of the two main political parties polling a majority, a coalition with one of the smaller parties would be necessary to win control of the federal government after the 1990 balloting.

Political observers had speculated that more popular members of the party might come forward to challenge Kohl as the CDU prepares for the tough re-election fight.

Kohl declined to talk with reporters after the three-hour CDU leadership session, but Rhineland-Palatinate Governor Carl-Ludwig Wagner said Kohl emerged as the sole candidate for party leadership.

Both the governor of prosperous Baden-Wuerttemberg state, Lothar Spaeth, and parliament president Rüdiger von Scharfstein enjoy more prestige among voters than Kohl, and West German media had speculated over the other night challenge Kohl.

The party will hold its national convention in Bremen in less than two weeks, at which another chancellor candidate could emerge.

In search of Swedish diplomat

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 28. (AP): Soviet human rights activist Andrei Sakharov has searched unsuccessfully in labour camps for Raoul Wallenberg, the Swede who rescued Hungarian Jews from the Nazis and vanished after he was arrested by Soviet troops, the Svenska Dagbladet newspaper said today.

A Swedish Foreign Ministry official confirmed that Sakharov was pursuing Wallenberg's fate and that the ministry had released "previously classified documents to the newspaper."

Wallenberg, who is credited with rescuing tens of thousands of Jews, vanished after he was arrested in 1945 by Soviet troops who entered Budapest.

The Soviets say files discovered in 1957 showed that Wallenberg died of natural causes in prison in 1947. But accounts from other prisoners indicate that Wallenberg was alive long after the official report of his death. He would now be 77 years old.

Vollrath Tham, the Foreign Ministry official in charge of the Wallenberg case, confirmed that Sakharov had visited labour camps to seek word of the missing Swede.

Tham declined to disclose further information. He said "substantial parts" of the Wallenberg file had been withheld from Svenska Dagbladet and remained classified.

Iranian papers predict approval of cabinet

MANAMA, Aug. 28. (UPI) Iran's Parliament continued to debate today President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani's new cabinet, and newspapers in Tehran predicted his ministers would be approved.

Iran's official IRNA news agency said several lawmakers, "pledged to vote for the entire cabinet but most had reservations about one or more ministers." The agency said speakers veered

away from key ministries in the debate, scheduled to end late tomorrow when deputies will vote in secret ballot on each individual member of the 22-member cabinet.

Rafsanjani submitted his cabinet list last week, but caused the anger of a slim majority of radical deputies when he dropped a leading anti-Western hardliner, outgoing Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashami.

The deputies signed a letter asking Rafsanjani to reinstate Mohtashami, but the president, elected to office last month in a landslide victory, refused to do so.

Surprisingly, the candidate to succeed Mohtashami, Abdollah Nouri, was highly praised as "a sharp, witty planner," according to IRNA.

Rafsanjani appeared today to have won a major battle in Parliament,

where most deputies reportedly backed retaining his main ally, Ali Akbar Velayati, as foreign minister.

But three other key appointments to Rafsanjani's 22-member cabinet were sharply criticised, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The designated Minister of Education, Mohammad Ali Nafaji, a 38-year-old Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate appeared to be the

least popular of Rafsanjani's proposed candidates, possibly because of his educational background.

The candidate for intelligence minister, Ali Fallahian, who succeeds the radical Reyshehr, also was criticised.

IRNA also said Abdolhossein Vahaji, nominated for commerce minister, was blamed for much of the ministry's present problems.

At least one deputy also criticised

proposed Information Minister Ali Fallahian, saying he lacked the necessary planning ability to take over the job.

An Iranian parliamentarian today said his country has opted to boycott an international parliamentary conference scheduled shortly in London due to Britain's stance on the Indian-born British author Salman Rushdie's controversial book.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Couple held

CAIRO, Egypt, Aug. 28. (AP) Customs officials stopped a travelling British man and his wife yesterday after finding a solid gold belt worth around \$46,000 with them, a police source said.

The source said that Bahgat Saeedeen Al Murabet, a naturalised Briton of Libyan origin, and his Brazilian wife Olla, were going through a security check at Cairo International Airport before flying to London when the belt was found in a handbag they were carrying.

Smugglers killed

NICOSIA, Aug. 28. (Reuters) Iranian agents killed five drug smugglers in three night-time clashes in mountains of northeastern Iran, Tehran Radio said today.

It quoted a senior anti-narcotics official as saying police also smashed five drug smuggling operations in various provinces and seized a total of 1,670 kg (3,670 pounds) of drugs.

Envoys to Egypt

CAIRO, Aug. 28. (Reuters) Senegal and Mauritania, where racial rivalries nearly erupted into war in April, are sending envoys to Egypt this week ahead of a mediation effort by President Hosni Mubarak.

Foreign Ministry sources said Mauritania's Industry Minister Ahmed Ould Khalifa Ould Jiddou delivered a message to Mubarak today on the conflict and Senegalese envoy Mamba Guirassy was due to deliver a message tomorrow.

Call for ban

LONDON, Aug. 28. (KUNA) British Muslims have called for the banning of a new poem by the controversial author, Salman Rushdie, published in the latest issue of a literary magazine here.

It was written after he went into hiding when threatened with death by Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran over his novel *The Satanic Verses* which was seen as insulting to Muslims.

Navy seeks

LONDON, Aug. 28. (KUNA) The Egyptian Navy was seeking to replace its fleet of Soviet-type Romeo submarines with boats from the British Oberon class, when they begin to leave service next year, according to a report here today.

Quoting "sources", the Daily Telegraph newspaper said that Egypt was willing to pay up to 20 million pounds per boat and that the deal, including refitting work to be carried out in British yards, would be worth 200 million pounds for six boats.

Arab meeting

ABRAHE, Aug. 28. (KUNA) A number of Arab leaders are currently conducting intensive consultations to hold an Arab summit on the sidelines of the non-aligned countries summit conference due to open here next Monday, diplomatic sources said here today.

The sources, who asked to remain anonymous, indicated that participation of Arab leaders such as HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Jordanian King Hussein, Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid and others will foster the idea of convening of such an Arab high-level meeting.

Wakil in Belgrade

KABUL, Afghanistan, Aug. 28. (AP) Afghan Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil flew to Belgrade, Yugoslavia yesterday in advance of a non-aligned summit, he said would promote a political settlement to Afghanistan's civil war.

He predicted that the summit's resolution would back his government's call for a negotiated settlement to the 11-year war and respect for the Geneva accords, which bars interference in any nation's internal affairs.

Compromise plan

PARIS, Aug. 28. (Reuters) The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) today said it had accepted a compromise plan for a political settlement to the 106-nation World Tourism Body but a compromise plan being thrashed out may result in a minor diplomatic victory.

Delegates at the general assembly of the World Tourism Organisation (WTO) said the self-declared state of Palestine was likely to be offered some form of association, despite opposition from the United States and Israel.

Iranian red slain

LARNACA, Aug. 28. (AP) An Iranian shot dead in this resort town after the weekend was identified as a prominent anti-government communist living abroad, the outlawed Kurdish Communist Party said.

The party, Komala, said that Bahman Javadi, 33, arrived in Larnaca from Sweden, where he had been living for the past eight years, to meet his mother and sister, six days before he was killed.

A message telexed to the Associated Press in Nicotia from Sweden and signed by Saad Vatandoust, the Komala representative abroad, described Javadi as an activist of the outlawed Iranian Communist Party.

An earlier telex sent to the Associated Press yesterday by Komala, again from Sweden, blamed Javadi's murder on Iranian government agents.

Jordan ministers quit to run for Parliament

AMMAN, Jordan, Aug. 28. (AP) Prime Minister Zeid Bin Shaker has accepted the resignation of three cabinet members who are quitting to run for Parliament, a Prime Ministry official said today.

The elections scheduled for Nov 8 will be Jordan's first national-wide poll in more than 22 years. Active government officials are not allowed to stand in elections.

The official, insisting on anonymity, said the resignations included the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Economic Affairs, Taher Masri. Minister of

Education Abdullah Al Nsour and Public Works Minister Shafiq Al Zawaideh.

He said King Hussein was expected to issue a royal decree approving the resignations before the ministers leave office on Thursday.

Nsour's post will go to Agriculture Minister Adnan Badran, while Communications and Transport Minister Hikmat Khamesh will take over Zawaideh's office in addition to his post, the official said.

GCC calls for Lebanon peace

Ministers meet in Jeddah

RIYADH, Aug. 28. (Agencies) Gulf Co-operation Council foreign ministers today called for a permanent ceasefire in Lebanon as well as direct Iran-Iraq peace talks.

They also praised the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We appeal to all the parties concerned with the conflict in Lebanon's bloody tragedy to respond to the voice of reason and to the efforts of the supreme tripartite committee," said the conference chairman, Bahrain's Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al

Khalifa said.

He was making the opening address to a two-day meeting of foreign ministers from the six-nation alliance, held to co-ordinate positions in advance of next week's Non-Aligned Movement summit meeting in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

The meeting in the Red Sea port of Jeddah, was attended by the foreign ministers of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

The three-member committee, consisting of King Hassan II of Morocco and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and President, Chadli Bendjedid of Algeria was set up at an Arab summit in May "to find a comprehensive settlement based on national reconciliation, to end the 14-year-old Lebanese civil war."

Daily military clashes between Christian Army Commander Gen. Michel Aoun's troops and Syrian forces armed with Muslim militias have killed almost 800 people and wounded more than 2,000 since March 8.

Sheikh Mohammed said the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories had "managed to foil all peace attempts that do not lead to an independent Palestinian state."

He also called for "intensive international efforts" to pressure Iran and Iraq into direct peace negotiations leading to formal peace.

The PLO spokesman said the PLO had accepted a UN-sponsored ceasefire last August that halted the eight-year-old war, but peace talks held under United Nations auspices have deadlocked.

Lebanon, the Palestinian problem and the stalemate Gulf peace talks were the three major political items on the ministers' agenda.

At the end of the first session Sheikh Mohammed told reporters that GCC Secretary-General Abdullah Bishara reported on the alliance's activities in various fields.

Mohtashemi blamed

America names 'spoiler'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28. (KUNA) The Bush administration today named a leading Iranian cleric and former ambassador to Syria, Hojatoleslam Mohtashami, as a leading proponent of international terrorism against the West, US officials said.

They added how he is treated by colleagues as a "bellwether" of how moderate Iran will become.

One State Department official, after citing Mohtashami, was ousted from his interior minister's post last week by Iran's new President Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, said "As far as the vision of an Iran the West can deal with, he's the spoiler. He is the one who opposes any Western aid in the postwar reconstruction. That's a bellwether."

Among the atrocities the US strongly links him to is the destruction of Pan Am Flight 103 over Scotland last December.

US intelligence officials told the New York Times Mohtashami met with officials of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command to discuss retaliation for the accidental downing of an Iran Air passenger jet by a US warship in July 19, 1988. More than 200 people were killed in that incident.

The US officials, basing their assessment on secret cables between Syria and Iran the US had intercepted, said Mohtashami was one of the most important Iranian officials "responsible for the bombings of the US Marine barracks and US embassy in Lebanon."

One retired intelligence official said at that time Lebanon's Hezbollah regularly reported its operations against Israel and others back to Mohtashami.

He and others said the senior Iranian cleric also approved the Lebanese Shiite's taking of American hostages, starting with the kidnapping of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Beirut station chief William Buckley in 1984.

2 die; strike in W. Bank

Arabs want UN debate in Geneva

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 28. (Agencies) Two Palestinians died today of gunshot wounds suffered in clashes with Israeli forces, and Arabs launched a general strike in three West Bank cities to protest deportations of five activists a day earlier.

Also today Rabbi Moshe Levinger, a founder of the Jewish settlement movement in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, went on trial on charges he killed a Palestinian shopkeeper last September.

Arab states will insist on moving the annual UN debate on Palestine from New York to Geneva again this year if US officials deny an entry visa to PLO chief Yasser Arafat, news reports in Abu Dhabi said today.

The shooting deaths raised to 552 the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli soldiers or civilians in the 20-month uprising. Ninety-nine Palestinians have been reported slain by fellow Arabs as alleged collaborators during the revolt.

Thirty-eight Israelis also have been slain.

The general strike called by masked activists in Nablus and the towns of Ramallah and El Bireh was to protest yesterday's deportations of five Palestinians accused of being ringleaders of the uprising.

Since the rebellion began on Dec 8, 1987, a total of 60 Palestinians have been expelled, most of them to Lebanon.

Levinger, the spiritual leader of the settler movement Gush Emuni, pleaded innocent to manslaughter charges in the death of Kayed Salah, 42, in the West Bank town of Hebron on Sept. 30.

The Palestinian deaths reported today included 21-year-old Bassel Khaleel Suleiman of the village of Beit Safafa in Jerusalem and 20-year-old Ali Mahmoud Shaban from the Jabalya refugee camp in the occupied Gaza Strip.

Suleiman was wounded when police opened fire on masked youths who blocked a main road in Beirut Safafa last night and pelted police with stones, said Jerusalem police spokesman Uzi Sandori.

Doctors at Mukassed Hospital in Arab East Jerusalem said he died later of two plastic bullet wounds to the chest.

Shaban was shot in the head by Israeli soldiers in the occupied Gaza Strip.

They said the PLO leadership believed it would be "useful" for Arafat to travel to New York and "propose his peace initiative directly to the world."

The White House said today it was not aware that Arafat had applied for a visa and declined to say whether he would be allowed to enter the United States to address the United Nations.

Israel's cabinet secretary warned today of a growing wave of anti-semitic attacks abroad and urged foreign governments to fight the trend as "a shameful and disgusting phenomenon."

A Soviet-backed draft resolution tabled at a United Nations human rights panel today accused Israel of war crimes in occupied Arab territories and said a 21-month Palestinian uprising there was justified.

Bashir in Iraq for talks on ME

BAGHDAD, Aug. 28. (Agencies) Sudan's new military leader, Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir, arrived today for talks with President Saddam Hussein on the Lebanese crisis, bilateral relations and Arab issues. Sudanese embassy officials reported.

Bashir, who flew in unexpectedly, was received at the airport by Saddam and senior Iraqi officials.

The Sudanese diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the situation in Lebanon, where Iraq is supplying weapons to Christians fighting Syria and its Muslim allies, will be one of the main topics of discussion.

The previous Sudanese government led by Sadeq Al Mahdi, overthrown in a bloodless Army coup led by Bashir on June 30, maintained close relations with Baghdad.

Mahdi sent Sudanese troops to Iraq to fight the Iraqis during the eight-year Gulf war.

Sudan recalled its ambassador to Tehran Sunday in protest against a programme on Iran's state-controlled television network that allegedly defamed the Sudanese Army.

Iraq supported Bashir's seizure of power, but it has rejected a Sudanese request to join the four-member Arab Co-operation Council, which groups Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and North Yemen in a military and economic alliance.

Diplomats said Sudan had asked to join the ACC, which was formed in February, but Iraq vetoed that, saying Sudan had too many internal problems.

Bashir was expected to ask for more Iraqi military and economic aid during his three-day visit. Iraq provided weapons to Mahdi to help him fight the southern rebellion.

Bashir's visit to Iraq is his fourth trip abroad since he seized power. He has also been to Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Libya.

Sudan yesterday extended by one month a unilateral ceasefire in the civil war with rebels in the south, state radio Omdurman said.

Sudanese rebel leader John Garang held talks with Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni today, official Radio Uganda reported.



In mourning

A Shiite Muslim militant cries during the funeral of his brother Monday in Beirut. He was killed during an Israeli air raid on South Lebanon Sunday. Eight

other members of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah movement were killed and at least 25 others were wounded. (Reuters wirephoto)

US raps raid on Hezbollah

(Continued from Page 1)

zealots today buried the victims of Israel's deadliest air raid this year in funeral ceremonies staged around South Lebanon.

Hezbollah, Iran's main ally in Lebanon, said nine people were killed and 27 wounded in the six-minute air strike on a party base in the southern village of Ain Abu Suar.

The statement said the dead included three Hezbollah commanders and six civilians. Among the wounded, were 15 pupils whose school took a direct rocket hit.

A police spokesman said the long-abandoned school was used by Hezbollah as an ammunition dump.

"It went up in flames and firecracker explosions rocked the area from dusk yesterday to dawn today," said the spokesman.

The Foreign Ministry said in Beirut it has instructed Lebanon's acting delegate to the United Nations, Shawki Shweiri, to lodge a strongly-worded complaint with the Security Council over the raid.

The death toll in Ain Abu Suar was the highest in Israel's nine air raids in Lebanon this year. By police count, eight were killed and 67 wounded in the eight previous strikes since Jan 11.

Israeli jets crashed the sound barrier over East Lebanon's Bekaa valley on reconnaissance flights today, drawing anti-aircraft fire from Hezbollah positions in the ancient city of Baalbek and the village of Janta.

Five of Sunday's victims were taken from hospital morgues in Beirut and sent to South Lebanon in a convoy of seven buses, 20 cars and two ambulances for burial in their native towns.

Gunmen escorting the flag-bedecked motorcade fired in the air in the traditional Lebanese expression of mourning. In Sidon, the convoy split to take two victims to the southern port of Tyre and three to the inland market town of Nabatieh.

Paris tables peace initiative

(Continued from Page 1)

one of the victims of the criminal war our beloved homeland Lebanon is living through," the statement said.

"The organisation also emphasises that it will arrange a reception for the Pope of Rome similar to our reception of the Israeli invaders, and the forces of (former US President Ronald) Reagan and the 'loving mother' (France) in 1982 and 1983," it concluded.

Pro-Syrian leftist and Muslim forces warned Pope today against visiting Lebanon now, saying such a trip would be risky and would further widen the country's sectarian divisions.

Diplomats in Damascus predicted that the French plan was likely to get cool reception from Syria, which has repeatedly rejected Western intervention in Lebanon's conflict.

Scheer told reporters before the meeting that no solution to the crisis was possible if it ignored Syria's role.

The French plan announced by Foreign Minister Roland Dumas yesterday called for a ceasefire in Lebanon, where five months of artillery bombardments have devastated Beirut, and the withdrawal of all foreign forces.

Syria was angered by France's decision to send warships to the eastern Mediterranean. But just before Scheer's visit Paris announced that all warships had

been pulled back from the Lebanese coast.

Damascus saw the naval initiative as support for Lebanon's Christian Army Chief Major-General Michel Aoun, whose forces are locked in battles with Syrian troops and their militia allies.

Scheer voiced France's support for Arab peace efforts and hoped that an Arab League committee set up in May would resume its mediation mission.

Scheer is due to visit Lebanon and the Arab League peace committee countries — Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia. The committee said last month that its efforts had reached a dead end.

In Baghdad, Soviet envoy Genadi Tarasov discussed Lebanon's plight with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and handed him a message from Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Soviet embassy sources said the message outlined Moscow's views on ending the fighting in Lebanon.

Tarasov, representative of Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, is touring the Middle East as part of a Soviet diplomatic drive to boost Arab peace efforts.

In Beirut, the troops of Aoun traded mortar fire and rocket-propelled grenades with Syrian forces and their leftist allies across the Green Line splitting the capital, security sources said.

Mass killings denied 400 reported slain in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Aug. 28. (Reuters) Somali President Mohamed Siad Barre has denied reports that security forces summarily executed large numbers of people on Gezira Beach near Mogadishu after riots in the capital in July.

Speaking at a sports stadium in Mogadishu yesterday, Siad Barre said reports of such executions in the foreign media were "baseless."

The president said a special commission headed by Colonel Abubakr Hassan Wehele, the chairman of the Defence and Security Committee of Somalia's one-party parliament, had been set up to investigate the alleged massacre.

The government has said that 23 people died in three days of anti-government demonstrations which erupted in Mogadishu on July 14.

But international human rights groups and journalists who visited Somalia shortly after the riots say at least 400 were killed by the security forces and more than 1,000 arrested.

Two reporters for the French media who visited Mogadishu as tourists said 46 of those detained were shot on a beach near Mogadishu on the night of July 17-18.

Siad Barre said yesterday that although a midnight to 5 am curfew was still in force in Mogadishu, the situation in the country was back to normal.

Military split over Islamic law

Bashir advocates moderation

KHARTOUM, Aug. 28. (Reuters) Sudan's 15-man military junta is split over whether to abolish Islamic law, the issue at the heart of a six-year civil war, Sudanese and diplomatic sources said today.

They said junta leader General Omar Hassan Al Bashir headed a faction which advocates moderation to end the war with rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) in the south of Africa's biggest country.

"Either we leave or they (the hardliners) leave," a senior army officer who supports the moderate faction told Reuters. "Things cannot continue the way they are now."

State Radio Omdurman today accused

SPLA leaders of being racists. The radio has recently adopted a tough stand towards the rebels, contrary to Bashir's more conciliatory rhetoric.

The sources said growing signs that some junta members supported militant Islamic ideology and forced Egypt, which endorsed Bashir's coup in June, to keep a distance from his new regime.

Egypt, an historic ally of neighbouring Sudan, has for years tried to curb Islamic groups lobbying for strict sharia laws.

Western countries, whose economic aid Sudan desperately needs, were also distancing themselves from the junta, the sources said.

Islamic law was introduced in 1983. Scores

of thieves had their hands chopped off and adulterers were stoned. Repeal of the laws, largely dormant for more than four years, is a key SPLA demand to end the war.

The SPLA is fighting to end what it calls domination of the mainly Christian and animist south by the Arabised Muslim majority in the north.

The first direct peace talks between the junta and the SPLA in Addis Ababa this month, broke up over the question of sharia.

Radio Omdurman quoted Bashir as saying his government was working on a draft peace plan with the SPLA which would recognise cultural and development discrepancies in Sudan.

Special programme for outstanding students

New scholastic year soon

THE assistant under secretary of the Ministry of Education for Planning Affairs Dr Rasheed Al Hamad has said that special attention is being provided to outstanding students. A special programme developed for these students will start from the beginning of the new year. The higher committee chaired by the Education Minister was set up to take care of outstanding students. There is also a special office for the same purpose. The ministry is now

writing support text books for Arabic, maths and science subjects specifically developed exclusively for use by exceptional students to enhance their knowledge. These books will be ready during this year.

Text books

Meanwhile, Dr Hamad pointed out that the Education Ministry will distribute text books to pupils in time. The ministry has set up specialised committees to receive

and prepare for the new scholastic year. The construction department is working with speed to air-condition primary schools and kindergartens. These schools will be air-conditioned from the beginning of this scholastic year.

The ministry is still studying a proposal to distribute text books to pupils through the co-operative societies, libraries, and the local news paper offices. But he added that the ministry has still not finalised

details of this proposal. The ministry has succeeded in developing many of the text books at primary schools in co-operation with the GCC states. These books are specialised for Arabic, Islamic studies, maths and science. The ministry has many plans and projects to use new educational systems and to develop the curricula, school buildings and the new course system in the coming five year plan, the official said.

Degradable film perks up conservatory produce yield

DR Shawqi Lahaleh, a researcher at the Petroleum and Petrochemical Division at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) has said that the experimental use of superplasticisers in greenhouse agriculture has yielded excellent results and proven the efficiency of this technique in increasing crop yield, such as tomatoes, eggplants, beans, corn and cucumber.

He said in the course of a lecture held at KISR recently under the title 'Development of Agricultural Superplasticisers Containing Slowly-decomposing Nutrients', that the crop yield had increased from 30 to 100 per cent with use of superplasticisers developed at KISR compared with the yield obtained after the use of ordinary commercial ones.

Film
Lahaleh said that KISR's US patented agricultural slow degradable mulching film had three main characteristics, since it contained nutrients, could be designed for use as required, and guaranteed to yield encouraging results according to suitable time schedule commensurate with the plant growth rate.

He pointed out that the KISR-developed mulching film (superplasticising mulch) exhibited high-performance mechanical properties that far competed with similar commercially available mulches, and that it provided a homogeneous film with only 5 to 10 per cent sun permeability, prevented the growth of weed, acted as an efficient soil stabiliser, contained no toxic elements, retained soil moisture and provided a good anti-weather agricultural technique.



Arsonists arrested

Ahmadi security men arrested three young men for setting fire to a private house in Wafra area. Hussain H. Iraqi, Yahya A. and Bashar M. both Syrians lobbed a petrol bomb on a house owned by Jaber A. They admitted during investigations that they aimed to distract the attention of residents in the area to be able to rob their houses. All the three men were referred to concerned authorities for further investigation.

Kuwait's diplomacy praised in USSR

MOSCOW, Aug 28, (KUNA): A Russian-language book published here recently has given prominence to Kuwait's political role in Arab, Gulf and international arenas and shed light on the country's socio-economic changes since early '60s.

The book, titled "Kuwait in the '60s and '80s - Social and Economic Aspects, and Foreign Policy", was authored by the Soviet researcher, Yelina Melkoman and issued by "Nao Ika" publishing house of the Soviet Academy of Science.

The book highlighted the effective role that Kuwait has been playing in international politics and referred to the Gulf nation's extensive diplomatic relations beside its membership to more than 24 international organisations.

Policy

The author described Kuwaiti foreign policy as "well balanced and moderate," saying that developments in the Mideast and the Arab Gulf are of utmost priority of the state's attention. Citing several historical events, the four-section book asserted that Kuwait has been pursuing "wise trend" which hinges on diplomatic efforts as a principal means of resolving international problems, and Arab and Islamic issues.

The publication underlined Kuwait's firm and permanent backing of the freedom struggle of peoples suffering foreign hegemony all over the world.

The book reviewed in depth Kuwaiti relations with Arab, Islamic and foreign countries and said the Gulf country has been serving "distinctive and great respect" world-wide due to its contribution in founding several regional and international organisations, referring in particular to OPEC.

Commerce report Economy improving since '86

THE 1988 annual report of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has shown that the national economy began improving during the last two years. The report added that activities of local banks and the construction sector attest to this improvement.

Activities of local banks to finance Kuwaiti imports last year increased by 14.3 per cent against 2.3 per cent in 1987 and licences of buildings and construction projects issued in the first ten months of 1988 increased to 8469 licences compared to 6617 in the same period of 1987 marking an increase of 28 per cent.

Credit facilities granted by

local banks for the construction and real estate sectors increased from KD 1,623.2 million in 1987 to KD 1,726.1 million in 1988 marking an increase of 6.3 per cent.

The report added that a programme to settle the outstanding debt problem was completed during 1988 which will have positive consequences on the local economic situation during the coming few years. The cease fire of the Iraq-Iran war in 1988 will also have positive effects on the local and regional economic situation. The report added that unsuitable circumstances of international oil markets might affect the economic

gains obtained by the national economy during the last year. The stands of some state members of OPEC that do not abide by the agreed quota of oil production led to the collapse of oil prices from \$16.8 a barrel in 1987 to \$13.55 a barrel in 1988 (19 per cent) which will have negative consequences on public returns and income of the state as well as on its commercial balance.

Meanwhile, the report pointed out that Kuwait's exports to the GCC states (including the re-exported products) reached KD 69.2 million in 1988 against KD 73.1 million in 1987 (5.3 per cent reduction). The imports of Kuwait from GCC states increased from KD 122 million in 1987 to KD 189.1 million last year marking an increase of 55 per cent.

Arab reciprocity with Interpol good: official

Drug awareness proposed

By Lima Al Khalafawi and Fathima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

DURING the eighties, 61 persons accused of committing various crimes were extradited from other countries to Kuwait. Conversely 77 others were extradited from Kuwait to various other countries. Twenty-six other accused were tried in countries other than their own — these accused were tried according to one of the clauses in the agreement of extraditing criminals that entitles the country to refuse extraditing its citizens, according to Major Abdullah S. Al Wahab, the assistant director of the Arab and International Criminal Police Administration and NBC of Interpol.

The official said that Interpol participated in pursuing and extraditing criminals and will continue to do so whenever this course of action becomes imperative. Those who have been extradited are of different nationalities and were charged with crimes of embezzlement, murder, theft, drug trafficking, dud cheques and forgeries.

The official went on to state that whenever the department receives a request for extradition, security forces go into immediate action to locate the criminal. If the wanted person is in the country, a warrant of arrest is issued by the judicial authorities. Additionally, co-ordination is activated through diplomatic channels to ensure the authenticity of the request and other legal bindings. If the extradition is approved the department will check if the accused has any ban on travel related to any other offences. Prior to extradition, the department ensures that the accused receives any indemnities entitled to him and further ensures that his legal dues are in order.

Entry ban

Subsequently, contacts will be undertaken with the respective country who requested the extradition to inform them about the department's approval of their request. In case the convict is wanted for trial on criminal charges, then the Ministry of Interior will be informed that the convict should be banned from entering the country again. The same procedure is followed by other countries when Kuwait requests extradition of people.

Wahab praised the co-operation existing between the GCC states in exchanging information about criminals and other wanted people. This co-operation is parallel to that in other countries in the quality and rapidity of



Wahab — co-ordination exchanging information and this high-level co-operation exists with all Arab and foreign countries.

The official added that in 1961 Kuwait, after it obtained independence, joined the Arab League, the United Nations and other international organisations and establishments including other organisations affiliated to the Arab League such as the Arab Organisation for Social Defence for Combating Crimes (AOSDCC).

In 1965 it joined Interpol and in 1966, Kuwait's Ministry of Interior established a new department to oversee enforcement of decisions and recommendations by Interpol.

In 1982, the Arab Interior Ministers Council was formed and a General Secretariat was empowered to oversee all specifications of the Arab Organisation for Social Defence in security affairs. In 1983 a decree 145/83 stipulated that Interpol was entitled to the following specifications which would be co-ordinated through the department of the Ministry of Interior.

Combat crimes in the Arab and international arena, initiate contacts with the General Secretariat of the Arab Interior Ministers Council and its affiliated offices, in addition to the Interpol and its national centres in the member countries and exchange information on international criminals with a view to their eventual apprehension.

Prepare all details and data related to conferences and international committees related to combating crimes.

Follow up all commitments of international agreements and treaties for combating crimes that involve Kuwait.

Departments
Wahab said that Interpol includes the following departments:

The Arab Police Section carries out all the work communicated through the General Secretariat of the Arab Interior Ministers Council (GSAMC)

and offices in Damascus for criminal police office, in Amman for combating drugs, in Morocco for civil protection and salvage and in Baghdad for combating crime.

International police section which undertakes all the work channelled from GSAMC and its offices in the member countries. The administrative services sections provides supportive services.

The official said that the Arab and International Interpol plays a very important role in fighting drugs and the Interpol office in Kuwait sends all publications and information from the Arab Bureau for Drug Affairs and from the International Interpol and from other countries, to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to help them fight drugs and take all precautionary measures against drug trafficking. The department also sends all data and information about the identity of persons involved in drug cases. It also sends pamphlets discussing the latest smuggling methods, Wahab said.

Smuggling

The department supplies the Customs Department with details about the latest techniques to prevent drug smuggling either by sea, land or air. The department supplies full details to the CID about identities, like pictures, fingerprints, quantities of drug seized and 'modus operandi', besides names of persons abroad who co-operate with drug traffickers inside the country.

He said that he believes drugs in Kuwait have as yet not become a major problem. But still, enough precautionary measures must be taken and the issue must be fully studied, in order to fight drug use before it becomes a major problem. He stressed that the problem of drugs in Kuwait is receiving wide attention from all authorities and great concern is applied to find proper solutions.

He added that we have to discuss this issue very comprehensively and right from the very basics. We should enlighten people about its dangers and acquaint them of ways to avoid it.

He proposed formation of committees at all levels to comprise of religious men, legal men, sociologists, psychiatrists and others in order to advocate the dangers of drugs through holding seminars and launching awareness campaigns. He said that it would be more effective if the media, TV and other forms of information highlights visually the trauma drugs cause to the individual, family, friends and society at large.

Real estate assessment planned for some areas

THE deputy director of the Expropriation Department Nouri Al Shaye has said that the department finished the preliminary procedure for assessing Oqala area, and that actual assessment will be effected at the first meeting of the committee in charge of this task, expected to be held late this year.

He said that the total number of houses to be assessed in the area was expected to reach 45 houses with a total area of 111,193 sq.m.

He reaffirmed the committee's concern to follow the plans and programmes set for the mission, stressing that personal favouritism could never influence the decisions taken by the committee.

Shaye said that citizens who felt they were treated unjustly by the committee or his property was undervalued could apply for reconsideration of the decision issued in his case.

He pointed out that a pre-assessment study was currently nearing completion involving the Maqwa eastern section and Jleeb Al Shiyoukh, and that the department was planning to distribute ownership deeds among farm owners in Jahra in order of priority during the next meeting.

Zour city

THE Municipal Affairs Committee has approved a proposal submitted by three members of the committee to rename Kheiran city and call it Zour city. The committee also agreed to renew rent contracts of some stalls at the vegetables market in Shuwaikh which are owned by some citizens. The committee accepted their reasons for not importing any vegetables or fruits during the period from 1/7/88 to 31/12/1988 which violates the regulations of the municipality.

Housing authority

28,000 new units before 1995 plan

By Nashat Al Agha

DIRECTOR-GENERAL of the National Housing Authority (NHA) Dr Ibrahim Al Shaheen has said that the coming five-year plan of the NHA for 1991-1995 includes the construction of 28,000 housing units to reduce the waiting period of citizens and to meet requirements of new applications. The coming plan includes the establishment of new cities that have full utilities and services such as Khairan City including different housing projects.

He added that NHA is obliged to adopt new styles of buildings due to the limited land available for housing projects taking into consideration the rights of coming generations.

Allocation
Shaheen pointed out that HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister in his capacity as chairman of the Higher Housing Council headed a meeting for heads of different committees of the council recently. The meeting was also attended by the relevant ministers. The meeting discussed the ability of offering and allocating more land to NHA to carry out its housing projects.

A follow-up meeting is expected to be held very soon to continue the discussions. He added that the state has already allocated land for housing projects at Qurain, Sulaibikhat, Finias, Umm Al Himan, Hadiya Naem in Old Jahra, North East of Sabar, Khairan and Wafra. NHA has completed studies on the schemes of these projects, he added.

Shaheen pointed out that among the recommendations taken by the Higher Housing Council during its last meeting is a plan to encourage citizens to return to model areas to build more than one housing unit on one piece of land or to build a new floor to the house in order to offer housing service for sons and their families.

He pointed out that NHA began planning the new Umm Al Himan Area, but will not destroy the present houses at Umm Al Himan at one time. The housing project will commence at the empty land near the houses and citizens living in the present houses will be requested to shift to the new government houses gradually. This arrangement will facilitate destroying the evacuated houses without any inconvenience to citizens. This will be done in order not to confuse or embarrass citizens there. The housing projects at Umm Al Himan will be carried out in stages over the coming five-year plan.

Vertical expansion

Shaheen commented that the success achieved by the Sabar Housing Project (flats) encouraged NHA to plan to carry out similar projects (vertical expansion) on the available lands inside Kuwait City. We began planning and designing projects similar to Sabar, the official said and added that NHA might build small houses each on an area of 200 square metres only or two or three floors buildings. These types will be substitutes for the present type of housing units, he added.

NHA will celebrate Arab Housing Week from Sept 30 - Oct 6, 1989. The authority will concentrate on the maintenance of the government houses and its internal decoration. Several government companies and authorities have agreed to hold an exhibit offering all services and information required for citizens to maintain and decorate their government houses, Shaheen said.

SUMMER'S REALLY HERE!

Just arrived the very latest in Californian beachwear

Featuring designs from

Exciting Colours

- T-Shirts ■ Shorts ■ Trousers ■ Matching suits
- Mens and Ladies swimwear

AL WATANIYA BLD. BASEMENT FLOOR, SALMIYA, OPPOSITE ZAHRA COMPLEX.



HH the Amir with HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister before his departure to Cairo.

Amir starts visit to Egypt

(Continued from Page 1)

with Mubarak, who is the current head of the Organisation of African Unity.

Press reports said other topics for bilateral talks included the issue of poorly-paid Egyptian migrant workers in Kuwait and an unresolved problem involving Kuwaiti holiday homes in Egypt.

On arrival, the Amir said his visit to Egypt is an expression of love and appreciation for the Egyptian people and its leadership.

Kuwait highly appreciates Egypt's heroic defence of Arab rights and causes and its permanent readiness to help the Arab nation at times of need, His Highness said.

He indicated that the visit provides an opportunity for meeting with Mubarak and his government officials for an exchange on how best to deepen bilateral relations between Kuwait and Egypt.

It would also be a chance to get acquainted with the achievements realized by Egypt during the last years, the Amir noted.

His Highness confirmed that his visit to Egypt reflects fraternal feelings toward Egypt, the Egyptian people and leadership.

The Amir and Mubarak today, honoured each other by exchanging highest decorations of their countries.

The Amir bestowed the Badge of Mubarak Al Kaber upon the Egyptian leader while Mubarak honoured the Amir with the Nile Decoration.

The exchange took place this evening during a dinner banquet hosted by Mubarak at Al Qubba Palace in honour of the Amir and the accompanying delegation.

The Amir paid a visit today to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier accompanied by chairman of the mission of honour Dr Atef Obeid, Minister of State for Administrative Development and Cabinet Affairs.

The Amir placed a wreath on the monument built in remembrance of martyrs of the 1973 Arab-Israeli war. Later the Amir visited the International Garden in Nasser city where he planted a tree in the name of Kuwait in expression of the continuously growing bilateral relations.

Egypt's Ambassador to Kuwait Said Rifat, said the Amir's visit to Egypt is of great importance, especially because the Amir is the present chairman of the OIC and Mubarak is the head of the OAU.

Thus, the visit is a chance for the two Arab leaders to review all relevant issues, Rifat added.

Two Egyptian newspapers today welcomed the visit of the Amir, recalling his wise stands on various occasions and Kuwait's

military participation alongside Egypt during wars with Israel.

Al-Ahram said that the Amir, though on his first visit to Cairo as head of state, is always present in the country in view of his wise political stands at the Gulf war, Lebanon and the international debt problem.

For its part, Al Akhbar daily recalled Kuwaiti Army's participation in the 1967 and 1973 wars against Israel and that Kuwaiti martyrs had fallen as a result in those two wars.

Kuwait was the first Arab country to purchase Egyptian-made weapons, the paper said and added that it further offered contribution to bolster the Cairo-based Organisation of Arab Industrialisation.

The road between Kuwait and Cairo was officially inaugurated in Kuwait today by Kuwait's State Minister for Services Affairs and acting Communications Minister Issa Al Mazedi.

In his inaugural address, Mazedi said the occasion which coincides with the visit of the Amir to Egypt was meant to further strengthen bonds of fraternity between the two sisterly people.

He said the visit would yield positive results in the field of economic relations and in the interest of solidarity and joint Arab action.

11,810 new students admitted

UNDERSECRETARY at the Education Ministry Abdul Rahman Al Khodari has said that the number of fresh students at the elementary level for the new academic year 1989-1990 in all Kuwait schools totalled 11,810, both boys and girls. The ministry has finalised arrangements to provide schools with all necessary equipment and furnishings.

He told a local newspaper that 23 new schools were opened and 66 others were maintained, stressing that the ministry's constant effort to upgrade the existing educational programme at all educational level is with a view to further diversify subject-matter.

New teachers

Khodari pointed out that the total number of the new teachers hired by the ministry for the new academic year was 543, while 275 expatriate teachers resigned and 91 Kuwaitis followed suit.

He said that Kuwaiti teachers formed 43 per cent of the total male teaching staff and 32 per cent of the total number of Kuwaiti female teachers. He added that the ministry is implementing a policy of secondment at private schools whereby it hopes to maintain supervision over the operation of these schools.

whether Arabic or foreign through seconded principals and teachers.

A flexible plan has been implemented by the ministry to promote the mental and physical growth of students during the summer season, which covered the various youths clubs and swimming pools. The ministry hopes to attract as many students as possible to these facilities.

To develop the curricular programme, the ministry is currently experimenting with the developed religious courses for the elementary level. This step would be carried into the intermediate and secondary stages once proven successful and similar experiments are being planned in other subjects, such as Arabic, maths, languages, chemistry, science and social studies.

He pointed out that co-ordination with the Ministry of Higher Education was carried out through personal contacts with the relevant authorities at that ministry. This ministry will provide us with all information regarding the agreements concluded between Kuwait and sisterly or friendly countries and also in the field of equation of certificate of graduation issued in Kuwait with those issued from foreign or sisterly countries.

Australian sheep cleared for sale

(Continued from Page 1)

the official cited an instance a year ago, when 17 trucks full of Turkish sheep were turned back.

He reassured the public on the safety of the medical check-ups and measures adopted by the veterinary authorities to make sure no sick sheep enter the country.

He added that the International Epidemic office in Paris supplies the animal health department periodically with details about diseases the world-over. He said that Kuwait is a member of this office.

On being asked by newsmen why the department did not send blood samples for analysis to the Paris-based office, Sultan said: "We usually do this when we suspect the results we obtain here in Kuwait or the symptoms of the sheep are different from the results we obtain."

When informed that the Saudi rejection of the same sheep will make the public uncertain about the results of the tests Sultan said that each country has its own medical procedures.

"We are very sure of what we say and are confident that these sheep pose no harm to the health of the public," he said. "We have our own and we don't force it on others."

Sultan said that the reduction in the Australian meat prices in

the local market is purely a commercial issue and concerns supply factors and other factors usual to trade practices. He affirmed that Kuwait will not hesitate to send back any shipment of sheep found diseased.

An official at the Australian embassy in Riyadh said that they were expecting a clear bill of health of the sheep exported from his country. "This confirms our stand throughout the last few weeks that the sheep are not diseased. We carry out tests on all sheep to avoid diseased sheep being sent out," he added. He praised Kuwait's test results.

In another development, the deputy director of Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Juma Al Salami called for publishing and circulating the results of the medical tests conducted by the Saudi medical laboratories on the Australian sheep to other GCC states, in order to help them take the necessary measures to prevent the "polluted Australian meat" from entering the Gulf states.

In a press statement published yesterday, Al Salami demanded the adoption of the Saudi test results conducted on the Australian sheep and found to contain viruses harmful to public health. He said that the exporting countries should not be allowed to exploit the technical capabilities of laboratories in the

GCC states in order to pass polluted foodstuff shipments that causes harm to the public health.

He called for establishing a centre for exchanging the information between the various health laboratories in the GCC states and establish another centre to exchange information about materials imported from abroad.

He said that the news that the Australian authorities were taking retaliatory measures against Saudi Arabia required the Gulf states to adopt a unified stand and foil any attempt of blackmail or pressure against Saudi Arabia or any other GCC member.

Meanwhile, an official source at Abu Dhabi Municipality confirmed that a shipment of Australian sheep arrived recently at Zayed port. The source added that the sheep were quarantined for further investigations to ensure they are fit for human consumption. The source said that the sheep will not be released before carrying out all the necessary examinations to ensure they are disease-free.

On the other hand, Dubai press reports said that a shipment of Australian meat that arrived in Dubai on Friday, was released after carrying out several medical tests which showed they were free from any diseases, particularly the brucellosis.

Probe requested in poisoned firemen case Compensation demanded

THE Labourers Union at the General Fire Department has asked relevant authorities to begin urgent investigations as to the causes of poisoning reported among some firemen at one of the swamps of the afforestation area at Sabahiya last week when they were trying to save the life of a child who drowned in the swamp.

A statement issued by the head of the union Misallam Al Barrak said that on August 18th, the fire centres at Fahahel, Mangaf, and Shuwaikh as well as Marine Emergency Centre received a call to save the life of a child who was drowning in a

swamp at Sabahiya area. The firemen at these centres rushed to the place of accident and were surprised when they learnt that place is reserved for the Public Authority for Agriculture. The statement added that a warning sign indicated that the swamp contained polluted and poisonous water. They were also surprised when the commander of Shuwaikh Fire Centre ordered the firemen to go down into the swamp to recover the body of the child who was dead from the poison. The commander did not order his men to put on the required safety equipment and protectors. Consequently, a large number of firemen

suffered from poisoning which necessitated hospitalisation.

The statement pointed out that residents of the area submitted several memorandums and demands to the relevant authorities asking them to remove the swamp but they did not respond. The statement claimed that such negligence would not have been tolerated had the swamp been located in certain model areas of Kuwait. It further added that if the accident had occurred in any other area of Kuwait the director of Fire Department would personally have rushed to the place of accident.

The statement called on relevant authorities to investigate the accident and to punish those responsible, whether for not burying the swamp or for ordering the firemen to go down into the swamp without safety equipment. The union demanded urgent medical examinations of the sick firemen and prompt compensations.

The union also called on the Public Authority for Agriculture to urgently remove the swamp in the area. It also called on the fire department to provide firemen with required safety equipment during their duties.

Farwaniya shopkeepers requested to secure doors

THE Commander of Farwaniya Area Lieut Col. Khalaf Adwani has called on owners of shops at Farwaniya area to use iron doors and strong locks for their shops to avoid theft.

He also called on them not to leave large amounts of cash inside the shops and also called on owners of cars not to leave money or gold ornaments inside their cars. Theft in the Farwaniya area are not major or conducted by organisations. However, thefts should immediately be reported to the police, Adwani said.

He pointed out that few bachelors live in Farwaniya area compared to bachelors in other areas. Their living near or among families does not cause any danger or problems. Most of their problems are only violations of residence law and arguments. The most serious security problems are road accidents, theft committed by juvenile delinquents, driving without a licence and assault crimes, he added.

Residents of the area complain of damage to the public utilities by some boys. But this phenomenon is attributed to a lack of civic awareness at the educational level coupled with lax parental guidance to children in emphasising the need to respect and utilise public facilities in an appropriate manner, the official said.

He added that boys imitate other boys in breaking and damaging public utilities he added.

The Farwaniya police station runs regular surprise patrols during day and night to arrest suspicious persons, young boys who race in cars at roads of the area and those who wander at markets at late hours of night. The patrols also seize persons who violate the residence law and those damage the public utilities. He added that Farwaniya did not witness or report any crime committed by maids. The problems of maids in Farwaniya are only disputes and fights. But he advised citizens who have maids in their houses to be cautious and not leave jewels or money which tempt maids to steal.

Influence

He pointed out that all officials of the Interior Ministry welcome any complaint from citizens or expatriates against any policeman or officer who takes advantage of his post. He added that influence is only used in solving problems or disputes among people but it cannot be used to free the guilty and punish the victim or innocent people. He added that many officers and policemen who misused their position have been punished.

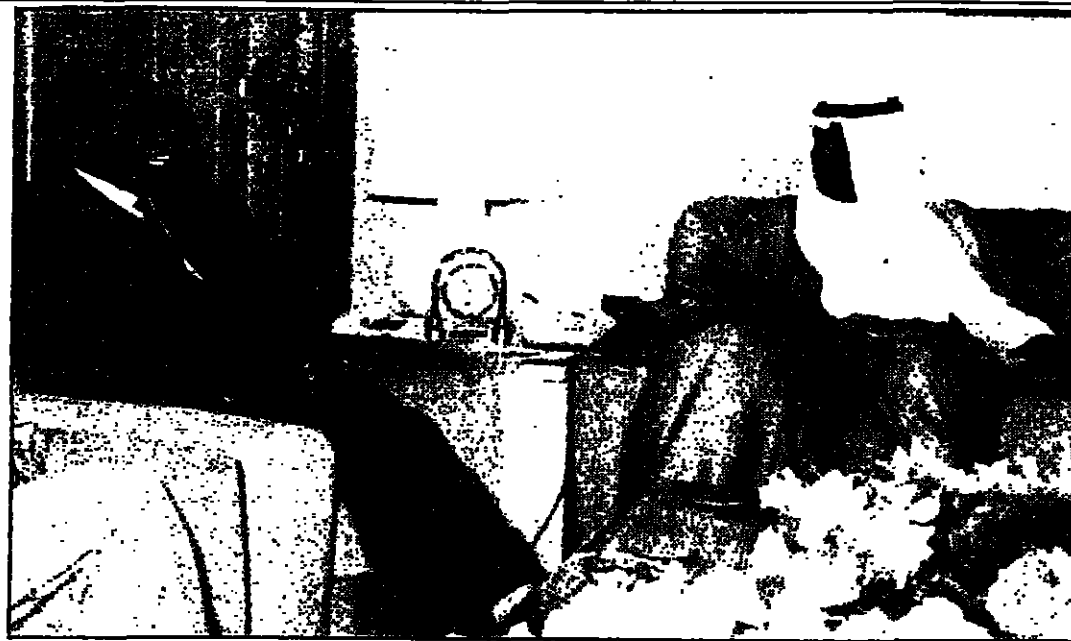
All children who sell different items at traffic signals or inside the housing areas are not Kuwaiti nationals. Policemen are exerting every effort to fight this problem. These children are held until their fathers come to the police station and sign pledges to prevent their children from repeating their action again. But the problem is that parents encourage their children to sell paper tissues and sweets at the traffic signals or complexes, which is considered very dangerous as it threatens the lives of these children. They also cause inconvenience to families when they knock on doors at noon or night to sell their goods.

10 years for drug smuggling

KUWAIT'S Court sentenced a man to ten years imprisonment with hard labour and fine of KD30,000 on charges of smuggling and trading in narcotics.

The court was told that undercover police had kept very close surveillance on the accused and in a well-co-ordinated move were able to arrange a deal with the drug smuggler. An undercover agent having gained the confidence of the accused arranged to purchase two kilograms of heroin in exchange for a payment of KD14,000.

As the transaction was being completed, detectives who had staked out the place apprehended the suspect and recovered both the contraband and the police marked currency.



Nawaf receives Somali counterpart

Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber met yesterday with his Somali counterpart Hussein Sheikh Abdul Rahman. Talks centred on bilateral relations and means of bolstering them, particularly in the military field. The meeting was attended by deputy chief of the Army staff Major General Jaber Al Khaled Al Sabah, Defence Undersecretary Faisal Al Dawood and a number of ministry officials.

Manpower development Preference to Arabs after Kuwaitis: Nasser

SOCIAL Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Al Ahmad today stressed on the great importance of the visit of HH the Amir to Egypt. He said that the visit exceeds its local proportions and it is in the form of an African-Islamic summit. He hailed Egyptian-Kuwaiti relations both at the official and popular levels.

In an interview with the Egyptian 'Ahran' newspaper, Sheikh Nasser said that Kuwait gives preference to the Arab manpower over after its national manpower. He added that the expatriate workforce constituted in 1988, more than 86 per cent of the country's total manpower while the Kuwaitis formed only 14 per cent. He added that Kuwait is forced to encourage and develop its national manpower to increase its contribution to the country's workforce and help achieve the population balance.

Sheikh Nasser said that the main goals of the ministry is to organise the workforce, provide the country with its needs of expatriate manpower, protect national manpower and prepare national cadres to take on jobs in the various fields. He said that Kuwait has realised the need to reduce dependence upon expatriate manpower and

encourage the development of the Kuwaiti workforce. But he stressed that Kuwait's employment priority remains Kuwaitis first, Arabs second and foreigners last.

Plans He said that the country's five year plan has paid great attention to this fact in a bid to materialise it in the long run. He said "we understand that this goal takes a very long time and is done gradually in order not to leave any adverse effects on the country's planning programmes."

Sheikh Nasser stressed that Kuwait's recruitment policy is based upon increasing the contribution of Kuwaitis to the workforce and restricting secondary expatriate manpower and at the same time recruiting highly qualified and skilled expatriate employees who are needed by the government and public sectors.

He praised Kuwait labour relations adding that they are improving. He said that Arab countries co-ordinate among them in matters relating to labour issues through the international and regional labour organisations.

About Kuwaiti social care given to different weak sections of society, Sheikh Nasser stressed

that the first five-year development plan (85-90) has given special attention to improve welfare projects given to old aged, mentally retarded and disabled people. He said that the five-year-plan has envisaged construction of well equipped buildings for these sections. He said that the Old Aged Welfare House which was established in 1955, provides full fledged care for 162 guests according to 1988 figures. He added that some of them receive full care at the welfare house because they have no families to look after them while medical and social help is given to others at their homes. He revealed that there is an intention to invite volunteers to take part in giving care to old aged and disabled in order to assist government services.

Sheikh Nasser said that ministry provides over KD1.5 million in aid to public societies and folkloric troupes. He said that there are 54 public societies involved in cultural, environmental, technical, social and other activities besides 23 popular folkloric troupes. He said that the government besides its financial aid, provides these societies with the buildings and installations. The government also pays for the expenses of the various seminars which are held by these societies.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Premier receives

KUWAIT, Aug. 28, (KUNA): His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah today received at Bayan Palace visiting Somali Defence Minister Dr Hussein Sheikh Abdel Rahman Mannan who handed him a message from President Mohammed Siad Barre to HH the Amir.

The meeting was attended by Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed and Somalia's Ambassador to Kuwait.

Trade minister

DAMASCUS, Aug. 28, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Minister of Industry and Trade Faisal Al Khalid arrived here today to attend the opening ceremony of Damascus' 36th international exhibition and to inaugurate Kuwait's pavilion.

Education meet

DAMASCUS, Aug. 28, (KUNA): Kuwait's Higher Education Minister Dr Ali Shamlan arrived here today to chair Kuwait's delegation to the fourth conference of Arab Higher Education ministers to be opened here tomorrow.

5 cases of cholera discovered

(Continued from Page 1)

the people infected with cholera had come from other countries. He said that if a cholera case is found, the patient is isolated and sent to the infectious diseases hospital and the preventive health department is informed to investigate about the source of the disease.

Kuwait announced yesterday the discovery of five cholera cases, the first cholera cases to be found so far this year. Director of the preventive health department Dr Tareq Al Uwaish said that all the cases came from abroad and that the conditions of the patients are not serious. Uwaish ruled out the possibility of spreading the disease in Kuwait adding that the discovery of some cholera cases among the travellers who return from summer vacation, is normal.

He also denied that the Health Ministry will launch a vaccination campaign in Kuwait against cholera. But he called upon the public to call on the preventive health centres as soon as they feel any symptoms of cholera for example diarrhoea or vomiting.

Tee-shirts

Ideal for Schools, Clubs, Hotels, Organisations, Companies or Ministries.

From 1,000 printed Tee-shirts to 50,000, for leisure wear or promotional work.

Arab Times Silkscreen Printing offers you the best rates in town.

Available with design and artwork service at nominal cost.

ARAB TIMES SILKSCREEN PRINTING

Tel: 4813566 Extn: 232 (Michelle). Fax: 4819513

Stickers

Round, Square, Triangular or Rectangular. Any shape or any size

Arab Times Silkscreen Printing offers you the best rates in town ideal for your promotional work at competitive prices.

*With design & artwork service

So print your stickers through Arab Times Silkscreen Printing and stick them where you want them.

ARAB TIMES SILKSCREEN PRINTING

Tel: 4813566 Extn: 232 (Michelle). Fax: 4819513

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

WHEN you have got a thing where you want it, it is a good thing to leave it where it is — Sir Winston Churchill, British statesman (1874-1965).

Rising death toll augurs anarchy

SRI LANKA'S government is in a battle against time to crush left-wing guerrillas seeking to oust it before an horrendous death toll, strikes and public fear plunge the country into anarchy.

Diplomats and analysts said it was an open question whether the government of President Ranasinghe Premadasa can weaken the People's Liberation Front (JVP) quickly enough before the organisation's violent tactics and strike calls make the Indian Ocean island virtually ungovernable.

And government tactics of meeting killings with killings could backfire unless the rebels unexpectedly accept its offer to discuss their grievances and a deteriorating economy improves, they added.

"Rumours are everywhere, society is very jumpy and people are frightened. It is not certain that the government will come out of this better than the JVP," a Western diplomat said.

The JVP, a group of youths from the majority Sinhalese community, is accused of killing over 3,000 people since it launched a campaign to topple the pro-Western Premadasa government just over two years ago.

Security forces have arrested thousands of suspected rebels in nationwide security sweeps using special powers granted to them under a two-month old state of emergency.

The death toll is mounting daily, with reports of charred bodies rotting by the roadside, mass graves and gruesome torture.

The government accuses the front of promoting a "psychosis of fear" and says only armed force can combat this.

"No other way will work. Otherwise we give up and go away," said a senior government official.

Playing on centuries-old Sinhalese distrust of India, the JVP has called for all Indian troops to leave Sri Lanka.

Some 45,000 troops were sent to enforce a 1987 pact supposed to end a Tamil separatist rebellion in northern and eastern areas of the country.

Colombo set a July 29 deadline for their withdrawal but some 42,000 remain and both countries have begun negotiating a fresh deadline, Sri Lanka suggesting mid-September and India next February.

But the troops issue has become secondary to the question of whether the armed forces can significantly weaken an organisation which now operates throughout most of Sri Lanka's Sinhalese-inhabited areas.

The JVP seems able to call strikes with impunity, halting commercial activity, decimating public services and making the government appear impotent.

"If all the Indians left tomorrow, the JVP would find another issue to exploit," the Western diplomat said.

Apparently aware that it would lose a one-off military confrontation with better-armed security forces, JVP tactics are aimed at progressively eroding government authority, Sri Lankan political analysts say.

A favourite JVP tactic is to forcibly collect identity cards — essential for daily existence in Sri Lanka — from village inhabitants.

Last week, the front issued a decree ordering hospital doctors to stop treating armed forces personnel.

The armed forces and police remain loyal to the government but some analysts question whether this will last if soldiers cannot get medical treatment or visit their village for fear of being killed.

The front has threatened to kill families of servicemen who do not resign. Government posters in Colombo threaten to kill 12 JVP families for every soldier's family killed.

And while some analysts say threats against innocent families may erode JVP support, others say Sri Lankans caught up in the security sweeps and violence may turn against the government.

A nation-wide curfew from 10 pm to 4 am was imposed in July but few Sri Lankans venture on to heavily patrolled streets after nightfall.

Many of Sri Lanka's 16 million people now carry guns and the worsening security situation has caused a rise in non-political murders, the government official said.

Diplomats say the JVP can now call a strike with little advance notice. "It just needs to put up three posters in Colombo and the rest happens by word of mouth," said one. (Reuter — Colombo)

PRESS REVIEW

LOCAL dailies highlighted the visit by H H the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah to Egypt, the first since he became head of state in 1977.

In its editorial titled "Jaber and Mubarak," daily *Al Rai Al Aam* affirmed that the Amir's visit to Cairo opens a new chapter in relations between Kuwait and Egypt.

The paper said that the two Arab leaders will be tackling a number of crucial issues, topped by the Lebanese crisis and the Palestinian question.

It noted that H H the Amir and President Mubarak have identical views toward challenges facing the Arab nation.

Daily *Al Anba* said, "H H the Amir's decision to visit Cairo is the natural materialisation for the natural feelings harboured in the heart of Jaber Al Ahmed toward Egypt, its people and its firm political leadership, which bears the great responsibility at this difficult time in the lives of Arabs."

The paper affirmed that the visit not only aims at strengthening ties between Cairo and Kuwait, but also between Egypt and the rest of the Arab world.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1499 — Turkish forces take Lepanto in Greece.
- 1553 — Atahualpa, last Inca king of Peru, is strangled on orders of Spanish conqueror, Francisco Pizarro.
- 1756 — Frederick II of Prussia invades Saxony, marking start of seven years' war in which Holland and Sweden decide to remain neutral.
- 1782 — Almost 1,100 people drown when English man-of-war sinks while being repaired at Portsmouth, England.
- 1842 — Anglo-Chinese war ends with Treaty of Nanking, whereby Canton, Shanghai and Chinese ports are opened to British commerce and Britain obtains large indemnity.
- 1903 — Russia's Finance Minister Count Witte is dismissed, which is taken as victory for group favouring Russian expansion in Manchuria and Korea.
- 1935 — Queen Astrid of Belgium is killed in car accident in Switzerland.
- 1943 — Danish warships are scuttled at Copenhagen in World War II uprising against Nazis.
- 1945 — US General Douglas MacArthur leaves Manila for Japan to accept Japanese surrender.
- 1960 — Jordan's Premier Hazza El Majali is assassinated.
- 1965 — US astronaut L. Gordon Cooper and Charles Conrad make safe landing in Atlantic after record eight days orbit around Earth.
- 1972 — North and South Korean Red Cross officials meet in North Korea openly for first time to discuss reunifying divided families.
- 1978 — China's Communist Party Chairman Hua Guofeng (Hua Kuo-Feng) completes visit to Eastern Europe, symbolizing historic break with China's traditional isolation.
- 1985 — Rioting flares near Cape Town, South Africa, where police seal off area's largest black township.
- 1987 — Two bombs explode five minutes apart in crowded main square of Syrian-policed Tripoli in Lebanon, killing three people and wounding 25.
- 1988 — Two Soviets and an Afghan blast off from a Central Asian space centre to join cosmonauts seeking endurance record aboard orbiting Soviet space station.

Locals fight on after foreign troops leave

Cambodia after pullout

FAILING a surprise agreement this week in the deadlocked Cambodian peace talks, Asia's empty rice bowl looks set to join Afghanistan and Angola in a state of smouldering civil war once foreign troops leave next month.

Despite a month of hard bargaining, Cambodia's four warring factions and their international sponsors still had no accord in sight on the eve of a three-day ministerial session which will wind up the conference.

Diplomatic sources said on Sunday Prince Norodom Sihanouk has resigned as head of the three-party guerrilla alliance fighting the Vietnamese-backed government in Phnom Penh.

But the reason for the Prince's move was not immediately clear.

The Vietnamese say they will end their 10-year occupation of Cambodia next month, whether or not the opposing Cambodian sides can be reconciled.

France, sponsor of the troubled Paris talks, continues to hope for a last-minute reprieve.

"Where there's life there's hope," quipped a French official. But he added: "Unless foreign powers can exercise effective pressure on their Cambodian allies in the next few days, the country faces a bleak future."

That assessment is shared by diplomats from both blocs.

They point to the Afghan battleground and threats of more warfare in Angola as evidence that foreign troop pullouts do not necessarily stamp out local conflicts.

Vietnam has pledged to withdraw the last of the troops from Cambodia by September 26.

With the last Vietnamese soldier gone — Hanoi puts its remaining force at 26,000 — the communist government in Phnom Penh will stand alone against the guerrilla alliance based along the Thai border.

Diplomats said that the collapse of Paris negotiations between the guerrilla groups and the Phnom Penh government held out little prospect of a brighter future for Cambodia's eight million war-battered, impoverished people.

Both Vietnam and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen have refused to share political power with the Khmer Rouge, the radical China-backed communists who turned Cambodia into a vast "killing field" from 1975 until their ouster by Hanoi in 1979.

"The Cambodian conflict is all about China and Vietnam and the differences between two Cambodian communist movements," said another Western diplomat. "The differences between them are irreconcilable at the moment."

In an apparent signal of Peking's unwillingness to compromise with Vietnam, the New China News Agency said Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen was unlikely to attend the final round of the Paris conference.

Moscow, on the other hand, was expected to refrain from asking Vietnam and its Cambodian partners to show flexibility.

In contrast, the Soviet Union obliged Cuba last year to start withdrawing troops supporting the Marxist government of Angola against UNITA guerrillas backed by South Africa. The United



30-year-old Vietnamese Tran Ngoc Anh repairs part of bicycle atop an old US Army ammunition case in the Cambodian capital. Many Vietnamese settlers are leaving Cambodia with the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops next month.

States in exchange persuaded South Africa to give up control of neighbouring Namibia.

"The Vietnamese have asked the Soviets to keep their hands off and let Hanoi and Phnom Penh run these talks," an East bloc diplomat said.

In this context, diplomats from the two blocs anticipate an Afghan-style scenario in Cambodia.

The 1988 Geneva agreement on Afghanistan made no provision for either a political settlement or the termination of the flow of foreign arms to the warring parties — Soviet weaponry to the Kabul government and US supplies to the mujahedeen.

So the Afghan war has targeted on unchecked. (Reuter Paris)

Let there be peace in Sudan

Nimeiri calls for cessation of hostilities

CAIRO, Aug. 28. The former president of Sudan, Jafar Nimeiri, has called on an immediate cessation of all hostilities between government troops and southern rebels as a prelude to establishing peace in Sudan.

In a press release, he has also called for the shifting of the venue of peace talks from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to Cairo, Egypt.

Nimeiri said: "In following the attempts for establishing peace in Sudan, one notices a continuous shortfall in these attempts and always concluding in failure."

It has come to cause a great deal of worry, sorrow and despair that Sudan has become a centre of hunger and disasters because of this raging war that has changed Sudan into a nation that is controlled by the armed strong and the victim of the conflict is always the innocent citizen."

He further said: "We have raised the name of the Sudan when we achieved peace through the agreement of Addis Ababa and I had the honour of establishing peace in the Sudan and creating the pillars of national unity, and from that point we moved toward the rebuilding of Sudan to make it into a symbol of peace and pride not only to its sons, but to all countries of the world who are peace loving, who want security and stability."

"As a result of my care to spread security in my

country and depending on my many years of experience during my rule I see that it is the duty of every citizen to give his opinion in how to find peace in Sudan and I would see it as my duty to offer the following suggestion:

"1. We must create an atmosphere of calm for the negotiation between the parties of the conflict, and for this the ideal site of negotiation is Cairo, considering that Egypt, through its President, is in charge of the presidency of the Organisation of African Unity for the current session. And this will enable the president of the organisation to have direct supervision and the provision of all guarantees of success to the negotiation, as I also recommend the setting up of a committee of supervision composed of seven African countries including Egypt."

"2. In addition to the military negotiators, representatives from a wide base of the Sudanese people, from the unions and united organisations, and from public gatherings that represent what is known as the forces of unity among all workers, farmers, businessmen, industrialists, educated, men and women, as well as those members, who are still alive, that participated in the working out of the Addis Ababa agreement should participate so as to benefit from their experiences and informations."

"3. To cease immediately all military activities on

both sides of the conflict, on condition that this takes place through an assurance given to the Committee of Supervision."

"4. That the agreement of Addis Ababa and what has resulted from this accord, become the basis of negotiations and ensuring that no preconditions are allowed."

"5. The setting up of a special fund in which monies contributed by international companies and organisations, will be used to meet the expenses of the conference of peace."

Lamenting on the plight of Sudan, Nimeiri said: "My country Sudan is a hostage of war and destruction, and from here it is our concern and aim to re-establish the pillars of national unity and the protection of the Sudan and its high interests. Those interests were always foremost in my care and I did not lose that aim during my rule and were only lost in the ensuing betrayals and conspiracy."

"I also beseech (Egypt's) President Hosni Mubarak, the president of the current session of the Organisation of African Unity and all the African leaders and Arab kings and presidents and all the countries in the East and West especially the United States of America, the Soviet Union, and the advanced industrial nations to participate effectively in establishing peace in Sudan."

Letters to the editor

Indian intransigence

INDIA seems to have awarded itself the right — a divine right — to interfere and settle internal disputes in Sri Lanka, a neighbouring island republic, generally known to us tourists as Paradise, or Pearl of the Indian Ocean, or Taprobane, discovered by an Arab tourist centuries ago.

Fortunately it has NOT annexed it though its territorial ambitions are well known, in Sikkim, Goa (a Portuguese enclave), and Bhutan (I am not really sure), in Jammu and Kashmir, supposedly belonging to Pakistan.

India with a vast Indian population in Fiji, Seychelles Islands, Mauritius, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, could invade Australia, Japan or other S.E. Asian territories. These states should form a military alliance on the basis of the NATO alliance to prevent such an eventuality and preempt any invasion or incursion by immigration to its nations with a view to demanding a separate state owing allegiance to an Indian empire.

Before the advent of the British in India, India was a large number of independent kingdoms ruled by feudal kings called by the name Maharaja, a sovereign ruler. Later the British for administrative convenience, amalgamated them into a union. The word union is a misnomer because it implies consent and conquest and consent are mutually incompatible. The world empire would be more appropriate in the light of India's annexation of Sikkim and who knows, in the near future, Sri Lanka as well.

India had refused to sign a friendship treaty with Ceylon reinforcing the suggestion that its actions are hostile, and detrimental to the tribes living there. We are further told that the guerrillas, called Tigers of Tamil Eelam (Ceylon in their language), had

unilaterally declared a ceasefire against the invading Indian troops, an opportunity the Indian government should seize as a face-saving measure.

The government of Sri Lanka had also categorically and unequivocally demanded that the Indian forces stationed in the northern territory of independent Sri Lanka cease all military operations forthwith, or else it would be deemed an army of occupation, like Israel in West Bank and Gaza.

Large scale migration of Indians into other islands, notably Andaman island, which last year Sri Rajiv Gandhi visited on holiday, apparently to create the impression that it is also within the territorial sovereignty of the Indian Empire (sis Union).

India has the fourth largest Army in the world second only to China in Asia. It has nuclear submarines, a flotilla of formidable battleships, a sizeable Airforce with MiGs, Mirage 2000s, vintage world war planes, and is assembling its own jets and missiles.

Imagine the plight of Sri Lankans against such a force.

Nagoyama,
Tokyo.

Right to read

SIR: I did not read yet the so called "Organic Act for the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao." Like any good citizen of the Philippines, I am of course aware of my constitutional rights; and for this reason, I suggest that the Philippine embassy in Kuwait (maybe all Philippine embassies in the world) should provide us Filipinos copies of the above mentioned organic act, free of charge, so in

this way we will know, exactly the issue.

As far as I'm concerned, the real issue as to why the people of Mindanao want an autonomous government is not because of religious sentimentalities but it is because Mindanao has been neglected by the Manila government. Mindanao is rich in terms of natural resources but, how does our government spend the money from Mindanao. I can answer my own question not only because I was born and grew up in Mindanao, but I also served the government for over fourteen years and, for this reason the answer is: for the development of Northern and Central Philippines. In those fourteen years of being a government employee I have travelled throughout the whole country and to my amazement, the Visayans and Luzonians would refer to us as anything Muslim. Even our Maranao or Sulu dance as Muslim dance. The dialects of the Tausug, Maguindanao and Yakan as Muslim dialects. Our music and songs as Muslim songs. If this is so, then, why Egyptian dance instead of Muslim dance?

We have the right to demand the reading access to this so called Organic Act. But for the benefits of the doubt, the Muslim population in Mindanao, like in Luzon and Visayas, is still a minority one. Best to say however, we enjoy having special course in the Arabic language for obvious reason.

Rosario O. Feliciano, Hawaii.

Corrigendum

The headline "Seeking a better world," meant for the story on migration in Europe was inadvertently placed on the story below it, and vice versa. Any inconvenience caused by this error is regretted.

Latvians link up

Russians left out in the cold

IN a pinewood clearing outside the capital of Soviet Latvia, giant concrete slabs mark the site of a Nazi concentration camp where at least 100,000 Jews, Balts and Slavs were exterminated during the World War Two.

Towering, rough-hewn statues loom against the sky while the clatter of a nearby railway gives a grisly echo of the cattletrucks which brought the victims to Salaspils camp, burned to the ground by the retreating Germans in 1944.

No such monument exists to mark the tens of thousands who perished in the waves of mass deportations begun by Soviet dictator Josef Stalin five years later to break Latvian national resistance to Soviet rule.

But the memories are still vivid and emotions still high, as thousands of Latvians demonstrated last Wednesday when they packed the square in front of Riga's Freedom Monument, waved crimson and white flags and sang their national anthem.

Up to two million Latvians, Estonians and Lithuanians linked hands across their republics in a massive gesture of defiance, marking the 50th anniversary of the Nazi-Soviet pact that curtailed their brief experience of independence between 1918 and 1940.

The 1949 deportations were followed by a steady immigration from other parts of the Soviet Union, with the result that many Latvians believe they are now a minority in their own homeland, although official figures give them a tiny majority.

"They have lied all these years about the population figures and they are still lying. Latvians make up 27 per cent of the population in Riga and only 13 per cent in (the industrial city of) Daugavpils," Latvian Popular Front spokesman Janis Jurkans told Reuters.

The Popular Front, a radical mass movement launched last year to promote autonomy, has harnessed the emotional passions of the local population to take over from the Communist Party as the dominant political force in the republic.

As in neighbouring Estonia and Lithuania, the success of the Popular Front has caused alarm among the ethnic Russian population, following decades of linguistic, cultural and political dominance.

"I'm sure you have been told 'we are all Slavicists'," said Anatoly Atakeyev, a member of the ruling council of the Russian-language group Interfront, "one of the three movements set up in the Baltic republics to counter the popular front."

But we are not the ones who want to turn the clock back we are not demanding any exclusive rights or trying to discriminate against other nationalities."

He accused the republic's Communist Party leadership of siding with the Popular Front and ignoring the rights of non-Latvians in the republic.

"They make irresponsible speeches about the rights of nations and they encourage friction between nations," he told Reuters in an interview at Interfront's headquarters in Riga's Old Town.

He denied that his movement sought to increase tension between the Latvian and Russian communities, saying that its aim was to protect non-Latvians from legislation which contravened the Latvian and Soviet constitutions.

"We are also in favour of autonomy, but we see no reason for our economy to be handed over by bureaucrats in Moscow to bureaucrats in Riga. Let the factories themselves have full control over their production," Alexeyev declared.

Many of Interfront's support comes from the many Russian industrial workers in Latvia. The Popular Front demands the closure of many factories, on environmental grounds, alleging a catastrophic level of pollution which has closed beaches and killed off river life.

"Pollution is so high in (the port of) Ventspils that kindergarten children have been issued with gas masks in one part of the city," said Jurkans.

But Viktor Lerchis, head of Interfront's ecological commission, accused the Popular Front of exaggerating the issue to stir up passions and said a special central government programme had already improved the situation.

And Alexeyev accused the organisation of using the pollution issue to disguise a real aim of creating unemployment among Russians by closing factories.

The real point of conflict between the two communities is the language issue. All Latvian schools have obligatory Russian teaching, while the Russian schools in the republic have few facilities for learning Latvian.

Over the past few weeks, members of the Latvian Independence Movement, a splinter group within the Popular Front, have collected some 300,000 signatures to petition for a new law on Latvian citizenship with a language qualification.

Quote me

"What I think is going to happen is we have to bring biology and chemistry in and kill about four to 500 million of you and then maybe there might be some chance for a few left at the end. What is left over will survive."

— Charles Manson saying the ultimate solution for the world's environmental problems is mass death for human beings.

"I think I worked out all the kinks. Hopefully, I'll be ready for anything." — Martina Navratilova said as she looks ahead for the first time to the US Open.

"Winning is always my goal at the Open. I've been second enough times. I feel good going into the tournament. I just hope I'm not at my peak yet." — Ivan Lendl said as he looked forward to the US Open.

"Our attitude is we are prepared to meet (more) African leaders. We have nothing to hide and we feel that especially in Southern Africa there is no question that South Africa as the regional power has a constructive role to play, and we are getting more and more recognition of this fact," said — Frederick de Klerk, South Africa's acting president said during a visit to Zambia.

"The Israelis wanted my blindfold and handcuffs removed inside the plane, but the French said no, it had to be outside. The final compromise was to take off my blindfold at the bottom of the steps and then the handcuffs halfway up." — Yasser Arafat, a Palestinian scientist who was expelled by Israelis, said.

From Saigon to Sean Penn

Brian de Palma recruits Vietnam refugee

By Aly Sujo

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (Reuters): For Thuy Le, the Vietnam war ended in 1989, the year she found herself in a Sean Penn movie.

A refugee from a war that is being fought again on the American screen, Thuy is the female star of director Brian de Palma's dark new war movie "Casualties of War."

It is her first and possibly her last film. Based on a real incident in which a young Vietnamese woman was abducted, raped and murdered by a group of American soldiers, the film stars Penn as the unit's murderous leader and Michael J. Fox as the team's only conscience-plagued member.

"It's not a documentary, and I'm not a political activist," Thuy says. "What happened to this girl could happen anywhere, not just in Vietnam. And the movie's not about all Americans. It's about one incident."

Film

Dressed in a smart Parisian three-piece suit, sipping mineral water at the Plaza, Thuy looks across Central Park and remembers the day before Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City) was captured by the North Vietnamese in April 1975.

"I was eight years old," she says. "There were bombs everywhere. Houses burning.

Chaos. My father worked for the (South Vietnamese) government. If they caught him, we didn't know what they would do to him."

Thuy left Saigon with her family on a boat bound for the Philippines. She has been bobbing on the waters of exile ever since.

From Asia the family moved to a refugee camp in Florida and then travelled through the United States. In 1988 they moved to Paris, a city with a large Vietnamese population.

That year, on the door of a Vietnamese restaurant, she saw an advertisement for an open casting call.

De Palma, known for such macabre films as "Carrie" and "Body Double," was

looking for a young woman to play the lead in a serious new project.

Thuy got the part.

"Casualties of War," which opened on August 18 in the United States, is the latest in a series of anti-war Vietnam films that includes "Platoon," "Full Metal Jacket" and the forthcoming Tom Cruise vehicle "Born on the Fourth of July."

During the four months Thuy played what she termed "this brutalised character," her male co-stars had to submit to basic training, Hollywood style.

They ate C-rations, carried M-60 machine-guns and rocket launchers on long hikes and had to learn to strip their M-16 rifles while a former Army Major barked orders at them.

Reaching out

Clancy on America

By Jill Lai

WASHINGTON, (UPI): Most people with four or five major best sellers to their credit would be happily banking or spending their income, and planning their next book. Not Tom Clancy.

Yes, he's happily banking and spending his income — the Clancys recently moved into a new house — and he's glad "Hunt for Red October" is being filmed (starring Sean Connery, James Earl Jones and Alec Baldwin).

But the job he's got his eyes on is not another book. It's the nation's space programme.

The National Space Council recently talked to the best-selling author about working there, but an agreement has not been reached because of differences over a non-disclosure document Clancy would have to sign.

Should things work out, he said he would like to get to the heart of matters, to "nose around, find out what we're trying to do in space."

"They've got to have some pretty good ideas already but I want to pick it up on my own," he said. "And try to help put together a coherent space programme, because we don't have one."

Most of Clancy's novels — "The Hunt for Red October," "Red Storm Rising," "Patriot Games," "The Cardinal of the Kremlin" and now, "Clear and Present Danger" (Putnam's, 656 pp., \$21.95) — display his gift for grasping technical information and his ability to write about it clearly.

But writing novels is hardly the same as formulating a space programme, yet a somewhat amused Clancy, 42, thinks he's qualified.

"To be totally immodest? I'm pretty smart, I'm good at fitting things together. I'm good at figuring out how things work. I'm good at figuring out how things are supposed to work. I'm original, creative. I'm pretty good at expressing myself."

"A lot of those things are qualities that seem to be totally lacking in the US government. Now that sounds terribly immodest but it's true. Besides," he laughed, "that's what other people tell me."

As for running intelligence operations?

"Do I think I could do it? Maybe, maybe I could," he said smiling, but obviously serious. "Again this is immodest, but there are not that many people in government service that are smarter than I am."

"One of the few disappointing things that have happened to me as a result of all this success and all the people you get to meet is that you talk to them... and all of a sudden you realize, this guy's not a belluva lot much smarter than I am."

"As a matter of fact, I may be smarter than he is. He just has the job. It's Clancy's law of intelligence that it's not how smart you are that counts, it's whether or not people listen to you."

Perhaps with recent events in Colombia, more people just might listen to Clancy, whose new novel is about US government action against the Medellin drug traffickers.

While "Danger" was hitting the book stores, Colombian presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galan, an outspoken anti-drug campaigner, was killed.

"I never expected that (killing)," Clancy said, shaking his head. "Those druggies, one thing I did right in this book is the arrogance of those people. They think they can get away with anything."

In his book, the drug trade is considered a threat to national security, which leads to a covert operation — a military team is sent to Colombia to eliminate the drug lords. Orders also are given to shoot down a few planes identified as carrying drugs.

But the operation goes beyond the law, and Jake Ryan steps in to straighten things out. Clancy approves of certain aspects of the operation, but only as long as they are within the law.

"Certainly we need a capacity for covert operations because it's becoming increasingly likely that with the way the world's changing now, with war becoming decreasingly likely, the coming thing is going to be low-intensity conflict, counterterrorist operations," he said.

"... We have to come up with a way of formulating a policy that first of all is effective, and second of all that is consonant with the way our country is supposed to work."

"It's a risk isn't it? What does threat to national security mean? There's a war going on," he said. "Threat to national security involves warfare, in warfare innocent people get killed. ... that's why war is so terrible."



Tom Clancy: I'm pretty smart

Reviews

Reliance on human spirit

Clear and Present Danger, by Tom Clancy (Putnam's, 654 pp., \$21.95)

Tom Clancy, master of the high-tech spy thriller, has gone mostly low tech with "Clear and Present Danger," his fifth and possibly one of his best books.

What makes "Clear and Present Danger" a superior novel is Clancy's return to human emotions, a reliance on the human spirit, and his realisation that high-tech hardware should never replace humane values.

In Clancy's latest, the United States is threatened by Colombian drug lords whose deadly product, cocaine, has turned America's streets into battlegrounds and its youth into zombies. The president decides to order action to put a dent in the drug trade and the men who run it.

A specially picked and trained US Army team is sent in to wage a covert war on the drug traffickers.

While this is going on, the unorthodox actions of a Coast Guard commander lead to the seizure of hundreds of millions of dollars worth of laundered drug profits.

When this secret, little war against the drug lords threatens to become public knowledge, Clancy's hero, Jack Ryan, enters the picture. With the help of a few friends, and some trustworthy American military officers, Ryan engineers a rescue mission for just about everyone involved.

"Clear and Present Danger" has remarkable characters, from the grunts in the jungle to a treacherous and greedy Cuban, multiple, but easily followed plot lines; action scenes to satisfy even the most Rambo-like readers; and satisfying insight into the dilemma of just what the United States can do to protect its citizens. Penny Spar (UPI)

Prince of the Blood, by Raymond E. Feist (Doubleday, 384 pp., \$18.95)

"Prince of the Blood" has just about everything a fantasy fan could ask for, but its appeal goes beyond a sub-culture.

The characters are engaging, and the plot intriguing. Raymond E. Feist's new book has humour and tears and romance, just what most people want in a nice fat novel. The swordplay and sorcery provide spice, but it's the people and their problems you remember.

"Prince of the Blood" takes place 20 years after the climax of Feist's rftwar saga. The youngsters in that trilogy are all grown up, setting out on adventures of their own.

The prince is 19-year-old Boric of Kondor. He and his younger brother Erlund are sent to represent the kingdom at the 75th birthday celebration of the Empress of neighbouring Kesh. On the way the heir is kidnapped and presumed killed.

Boric spends much of the rest of the book trying to stay alive and rejoice the birthday delegation, and ward of a plot that

Best bets

Fiction

1. Clear and Present Danger — Tom Clancy (11,106 copies ordered)
2. The Joy Luck Club — Amy Tan (3—2,959)
3. Win, Lose or Die — John Gardner (7—2,883)
4. Polar Star — Martin Cruz Smith (4—2,809)
5. A Knight in Shining Armour — Jude Deveraux (No.1 last week—2,400)
6. Joshua and The Children — Joseph Girzone (2—1,633)
7. The Russia House — John LeCarre (9—1,116)
8. Red Phoenix — Larry Bond (5—1,070)
9. Old Silent — Martha Grimes (247)
10. Journey — James Michener (786)

Non-fiction

1. Collectors Encyclopedia of Depression Glass — Gene Florence (4,201)
2. The Wizard of Oz — Warner Edition (2,928)
3. A Woman Named Jackie — David Heymann (10—2,136)
4. From Beirut to Jerusalem — Thomas Friedman (3—2,114)
5. All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten — Robert Fulghum (2—2,096)
6. A Brief History of Time — Stephen Hawking (1—2,078)
7. Kaffir Boy in America — Mark Mathabane — (1,623)
8. Personal Fouls — Peter Goldenbach (4—1,509)
9. Wealth Without Risk — Charles Givens (9—1,498)
10. Control of Nature — John McPhee (1,426)

Mass paperbacks

1. She Who Remembers — Lay Linda Shuler (2—7,124)
2. The Cardinal of the Kremlin — Tom Clancy (6—5,149)
3. Love in the Time of Cholera — Gabriel Garcia Marquez (4—2,051)
4. Love You Forever — Robert Munsch (1,687)
5. Paris Trout — Pete Dexter (2—1,804)
6. The Shell Seekers — Rosamunde Pilcher (4—3,409)
7. The Hunt for Red October — Tom Clancy (2,240)
8. Red Storm Rising — Tom Clancy (1,970)
9. Senatorial Privilege — Leo Damore (1,914)
10. Ragman's Son — Kirk Douglas (1,905)

Trade paperbacks

1. Codependent No More — Melody Beattie (1—3,379)
2. Dance of Anger — Harriet Lerner (5—2,249)
3. Love in the Time of Cholera — Gabriel Garcia Marquez (4—2,051)
4. Love You Forever — Robert Munsch (1,687)
5. Paris Trout — Pete Dexter (2—1,804)

could set the two lands at war once more. The rest of the party has its own problems, playing a diplomatic game with its own deadly dangers.

This is a book to read, whether or not you have read the earlier trilogy. Sharon Miller (UPI)

MENTAL AS ANYTHING, "Cyclone Raymond" (Columbia 45367)

"Cyclone Raymond" won't set off any storm warnings on the record charts but it's an interesting album for its eclecticism, if nothing else. These Australian veterans have come up with songs that bounce between pure pop, reggae and country twang.

The country and rockabilly influences are especially strong. Greedy Smith fills *Big Things in Life* with some revved-up vocals and the lively *Baby You're Wild* sounds like Elvis Presley in Bakerville with the Stray Cats playing backup. But then the band loses its edge and breaks the mood on the next song, *The World Seems Difficult*, a syrupy, synth-driven love song.

Like Talking Heads, the Mental Years art school pals but their music too often sounds like they are stifling their creativity in order to fit into certain parameters, such as a movie score (Paul Hogan put their *Live It Up in "Crocodile Dundee"*).

William C. Trotter (UPI)

FRED HERSCH, "The French Collection" (EMI, 7495612)

If you are looking for something in the mode of "Fresh Air" or "Fresh Air," you will like *The French Collection*. If you are looking for a disc that really swings, this isn't it.

The jazz fan who sees "jazz impressions of French classics" on the cover will be disappointed to find how little improvisation there is in pianist Fred Hersch's arrangements of Debussy, Ravel, Poulenc, Faure and Satie for his trio and guest soloists. But on second hearing the merits of the disc may win over the listener.

Even the most restrained bass and drums can add an interesting edge to works that are usually soft and fuzzy. The refined quietude of these tracks keeps the jazz parts on the polite side of heresy. That's too bad if you like heresy but it does mean you can play this without offending your dinner guest even if your dinner guest is Charles Dutoit.

Eddie Eubanks plays clarinet on one feature cut, Kevin Eubanks adds guitar to two pieces including Ravel's *Pavane pour une Infante Defunte*, better known to Americans as *Pavane for a Dead Princess*. Another pair of selections features flutist (Don't you hate the word "flautist"?) James Newton.

But when Poulenc's flute sonata is excerpted, it is harmonist Toots Thielemans who is called upon as soloist. Hersch is to be commended for resisting the temptation to assign Thielemans' mighty mouth organ the Poulenc Organ Concerto.

"The French Collection" shows once again how jazz with a French connection often tends to be too polite and pretty. But as alternative arrangements of classics go, this is quite pleasing.

Howard Dicus (UPI)

PETER SCHICKELE, with Walter Bruno and the Greater Hoopie Area Off-Season Philharmonic, "P.D.Q. Bach: 1712 Overture and other musical assanits."

At last Professor Peter Schickele, who professes to discover works by a Sebastian Bach spurned by one previously heard of, is doing that doo-doo that he does so well on CD, a digital depository for works that have no analogue.

It was Schickele who experimented with classical play-by-play (it's a beautiful day for a concert, there's not a cloud in the ceiling) and who performs baroque-style music with bagpipes and stadium trumpets.

The "1712 Overture" is but the latest example of Schickele's unbelievable ability to top other searchers and researchers. Remember when forgotten Bach



Bette Midler in the screen version of her Broadway show Divine Madness.

Challenging Hollywood

Midler turns career around

By Claire Lockhart

OUTRAGEOUS comedienne Bette Midler has shed her tacky "over-the-top" image and is challenging male-dominated Hollywood. She is hitting back with her own film company — All Girls Productions.

She formed the outfit last year to produce films giving a woman's point of view.

But Bette, who shot to fame with her raunchy stage act in the Seventies, denies that the company's women are a group of raving feminists.

She explained, "The name All Girls arose because we wanted to be liberated but we also wanted to be girls. We didn't want the business to perceive us as aggressive, domineering females."

The hugely successful movie *Beaches* was the company's first effort. It proved Bette with her first dramatic role since *The Rose*, ten years ago. In it she plays C.C. Bloom — a saucy cabaret singer.

And after the critics raved about her performance, Bette has become one of Hollywood's most bankable stars.

Bette explained: "Because of my looks, I don't think anyone ever thought of me as a leading lady. I've convinced them I can be a kind of a leading lady, although not the ordinary kind. I use personality."

As the producer and star of *Beaches*, Bette found the project a great challenge: "I had no idea how much work it was. It was like getting ready to go to war. You have to be sure you hire the proper troops, the right number and pay them the money they want. You have to make sure they're fed."

Hard "All this stuff keeps piling up. It's hard to think about who you are. You're supposed to be playing a character and it's very hard to concentrate on who you are when you're worried about whether they like the food."

The film has given Bette, now 44, a hit single. For she has recorded the film's theme, *The Wind Beneath My Wings*.

The girl who was famous as a busty vamp, has finally been recognised for her versatility. The larger than life personality seems to be more subdued these days.

Bette admitted: "Marriage and being a mother have tamed me and I am happier now than I have ever been. Motherhood is much harder than I thought. If my mother were alive I'd get down on my knees and say, 'Thank You' to her."

The 5ft 11in star, who admits that she was no stranger to drugs and alcohol in the Seventies, has put her life in order. She said: "I have a pretty routine kind of life. I don't throw myself at the public very often and say, 'Look what I'm wearing now!'"

"In your young life you rebel against values you think are square. But after a while, you realise they are good values. That is the reason they've been around for thousands of years. So, at 40, I decided to do some serious growing up."

Bette says her new-found happiness is due to her husband of five years, Martin von Haselberg and their two-year-old daughter Sophie Frederica Alohilani. "Alohilani means 'Bright Sky' in Hawaiian," explained Bette who can claim the exotic islands as her birthplace.

She went on: "I try to spend as much time as possible with Sophie and I take her everywhere with me. I look at her and I have whole new priorities in life. 'You just can't believe what mother does to you until it happens, especially when you are my age. I suppose I had probably given up all thought of having a child. Then along came Martin and along came Sophie.'"

Motherhood came late in life to Bette. And before starting a family she was determined to beat a drink problem that was dogging her.

She recalled: "I used to be a mean drunk. I would scratch people's eyes out and leave blood on elevator floors. It would take me days to recover after a drinking bout."

Drugs

"And as far as drugs go, I can't take them anymore. I'm already nuts and I don't need drugs to push me over the edge."

Miss Midler has come a long way from the days when she stripped at the London Palladium and shocked theatre audiences with her colourful language and blue jokes.

or foes of minimalist music will best enjoy "Einstein on the Fritz." Suffice to say its composer slew Adams and reduced glass to a liquid daze, thought it probably served them Reich.

Even the semi-official New York Times writes about Schickele in this facetious way. But you know what? He's one of the great

She said: "I suppose I was a bit out of line at times, but it was my act, you know."

Billed as "The Divine Miss M", Bette captured a cult following. But the film of her stage show, *Divine Madness*, was a flop.

Bette blames the failure of her career in the early Eighties on agents and producers. She explained: "There were times when I was at sea. I didn't know what I was doing. I was getting poor advice."

Now, with All Girls Productions, Bette has taken her career into her own hands. And she is on top of the world.

The tackiness and vulgarity are gone and Bette even manages to keep her clothes on in public. The *Divine Miss Midler* is nearing 45. She may have been able to display her body on stage when she was in her thirties. But now she is two stone heavier after the birth of her daughter. So she chooses to cover up.

Bette admits she can't get rid of that excess weight. She confessed: "My husband loves to cook and he takes me out to all these fancy restaurants. And I love to eat."

"I get so fed up with dieting and exercising. I put on those pounds so fast."

But Bette is so enthusiastic about her new life that she is writing a book about the joys of motherhood.

So now life is sweet as Bette settles down to be both a working mother and a serious actress. But she is not turning her back on her old love — comedy.

Projects

And the diminutive actress is planning several exciting movie projects with "All Girls."

Projects in the pipeline include a re-make of the classic weepy *Stella Dallas*, which starred Barbara Stanwyck in 1937. It tells the story of a mother who sacrifices all for the happiness of her daughter.

It is also rumoured that Bette is fighting Madonna for the role of Mae West in a film about the late star's life.

In just seven years, Bette Midler has turned her career around. She has defied critics who said she was finished in films after the failure of *Jinxed* in 1982.

It kind of spoils the fun to say it, thought, doesn't it? Howard Dicus (UPI)

By Rupa Anand

I WAS up to my ears in just about everything when she called. We had just moved house and everything was askew. Moreover, the place where I worked was under renovation and I was busy trying my utmost to fit the maximum into what appeared to be the minimum time available. It was then that my friend, Shanta, called.

"I have a present for you," she purred. "Why?" I queried, my eyes darting to the calendar. "It's not my birthday or anniversary!"

"No, no. — I have a homeless little duck that I want you to have!"

"What!" — I quacked, sorry, gasped, certain I hadn't correct. A dog or cat, perhaps — but I'm positive I'd erred in my hearing.

"A duck, silly," she came back. "You know the variety with webbed feet and yellow bill and all!! It's just a baby — cho-cheet — and you know this person gave it to this person and he..."

Well, apparently, someone had made a gift of the duckling to my friend's boss' son. Now, the latter being only three years old and living in an apartment on the sixth floor, his father decided to get rid of it — and who to ask but his secretary, my friend! Knowing how seriously she undertakes her duties at work, he must have been more than certain she'd

From Joey to...Josephine

dispense with this "duty" to — and part his unneeded ever cho-cheet duck on some unsuspecting old soul with a sympathetic ear!! No, sir, not on my dear life, you don't!! Pets are fine.

"I love pets," I said, "but how about something more conventional, like a dog...a cat...or a parrot, perhaps?"

"Don't be so damn boring," she replied. "But where will I keep it?" I was running out of excuses now!

"Come, come, you have oodles of space," she oodled, "the backyard and all!"

AHA! So, there was the catch! Smart, eh!! But I was smarter. "You know, Shanta, the point is that I can't keep it in the backyard. The place is simply littered with cats. They'll eat him up in no time!"

"Never mind," she persisted, "you can't possibly say no. Think of the girls. They'll love him. Oh, come now, don't be so mean!"

Goodness gracious! I'd been termed silly, boring and now — mean. My excuses were like water off duck's back!! "Are you sure it's a duck?" I was beginning to cave in. "I

mean it could be a chicken or a rooster or something."

"Now you are being daft," she went, only adding to the list. "It's a duck!" she confirmed.

"But I don't know what the Lord and Master will say!"

"Then, ask him," she shot back, "and do it now. I'll call you up within the hour."

Fine.

"What's the matter, madam?" asked Lucy, my wonderful housekeeper and so I told her.

Oh! Isn't that great! I'll look after him it'll be fun... bring him home! And off she went to unearth some leftover carton for his nest or whatever.

Hesitantly, I called the Lord 'n' Master up to ask/tell Him of our new arrival. "What, are you mad?" he roared, adding further to the never-ending list now.

I knew I had caught him at the wrong time. But what else was there to do so. So, bravely I ventured again and after what seemed an endless round of ping-pong with words emer-

ged the following — "Do what you want, I am speechless," and I had the dial tone buzzing in my ears.

"What did He say?" Shanta called back to enquire.

I told her.

"It's fixed then. We'll pick him up and bring him over around eight, before dinner. Have his box ready!"

The girls were tickled pink.

"What shall we call him?"

"Quacky!" said my four year old.

"Don't be ridiculous," said the older one.

"Is it a he or a she, Mama?"

"I don't know." (Duck or drake — what difference did it make, anyway.)

"Then, we'll call him — Joey!" and in walked the L 'n' M.

"See, Lucy has prepared this for Joey," sang the girls, "and we're putting orange crepe paper over it to make it more attractive."

Grrrr, dirty look one and grrrr... dirty look two...

"O.K., O.K., if it doesn't work out we'll

palm him off to the zoo," I tried to placate.

"No, no," wailed the girls in unison.

Hard to put up resistance in the face of such opposition.

And so, Joey came home. The girls squealed, I chuckled and the L 'n' M scowled.

Feed him anything, bread crumbs etc. — said my friend, Joey's newly appointed god-mother and made a hurried exit.

Ten months to the day have elapsed since then. Joey's still here. He's graduated, of course. From one carton to a bigger one. From newspaper shavings to soft carpet and old nappy rags. From the plan of my hand to the glories of an enclosure outside. From a woeeful "beep-beep" to an able bodied "quack".

From a miniature bowl of bath water to his very own baby tub. From a miniature bowl of bath water to his very own baby tub. From meagre bread crumbs to a hearty meal of macaroni and mince. From a scrawny fledgling to a resplendent full grown with speckled feathers and wings! And they still call it a dog's... sorry, duck's life!

As for the L 'n' M, he came around sooner than expected... on Joey's very first day, in fact. We awoke to find the blighter nesting not amongst his bedding of old newspapers but somewhere between HIS shoulders and beard, both blissfully lost to the world around!

Well, if any of you are wondering what it's like... ever had to resist the temptation of bartering your old and lumpy pillow with a newer, softer one of duck down? ... Or have you ever seen the sight of two tiny webbed feet running faster than the shake of a duck's backside behind you — following the ever so familiar pink sneakers of Mama Duck? ... Or having the neighbour's kids ringing the door bell at three in the afternoon to play with their very own rubber duckie... having to make macaroni and mince everyday... hearing your friends and husband's boss make snide remarks about tasty Roast Duck when Easter or Xmas comes around... dreading Bar-B-Que time...? ... And lastly, but not the least have the girls scream their guts out one early morning with "Joey's laid an egg!!!"

not one but another the next day and another the day and still continuing to do so at regular intervals! "How can he do that all by himself?" questioned the girls. Beats me, you know.

So, Joey wasn't Joey after all, 'he' was Josephine!

Brocka makes a difference

Social commentary

By Butch J. Cordero

VAST areas of Philippine cinema remain largely unknown here. If Kuwait is becoming little less of a cultural backwater in that regard, we thank the innovative Filipinos who brought this video cassette in.

The subject is Lino Brocka. And the movie is Kailan Mahugasan ang Kasalanan.

Kailan is Lino's third picture this year, and this early he is a heavy favourite come awards harvest time.

Early this year, he stirred the Toronto Film Festival with an honest to goodness expose in "Macho Dancer," a searing drama that chronicles the dark alleys of Manila and the shady characters in the microcosm.

Last May, he stormed Cannes Festival once again with "Orapronobis," the film that will never see the light of day in Philippine cinema houses because of its political overtones.

If until now, there are some people who have reservations about Brocka being the country's top director in his generation, his movie Kailan... should put things in proper perspective.

The movie Kailan... is simply superb. But that is putting it mildly. You can rattle off all the superlatives that comes to your mind — he deserves them and more.

The title suggests a melodramatic film, but the picture is much tougher than that. We salute Brocka for his ability to orchestrate an ensemble. We also recognise his efforts in rising above the limitations of his meagre material. This he achieved by choosing a good writer to transform an essentially commercial story into a potentially moving piece of a material. And most of all he has that cunning ability to milk out the best performances from his cast proving to one and all that he is indeed an actor's director.

In this regard, Helen Gamboa leads the honour list. As the central victimised character she is accused of murder by no less than her daughter herself. She was insulted and dehumanised past what people would consider the limits of human endurance.

While all the members of the cast tune in good performances, Helen essayed her part so well. Her heart-rending scenes inside the courtroom is so memorable, you will remember it with sweet pain for a long time. It is a performance that blends maturity and intellectual sophistication, so that in the end, when she walks away from the crime unsated, you breathe free and thank God they were not able to eliminate the frail lovable girl.

Helen's character is the film's fulcrum but all the characters in that particular milieu are important to the director and, consequently, to the finished film.

Lorna Tolentino as the lawyer daughter was allowed enough elbow room to round out her role with so many trying scenes and moments to exhibit a salad of emotions. Highly emotional scenes like the discovery of her real identity and her final scene with Helen in the prison cell are almost palpable. You can almost smell and taste what she feels.

It is also to Brocka's credit to extract the meat from Richard. His emotional acrobatics are strenuous and exhausting they seemed remarkably facile, clear and moving.

Cino Antonio had a walk-on part. He has minimal dialogue but his strong presence allows him to dominate the scene. Dante Rivero, Pilar Pilapil and Eddie Garcia provide equally good support. It is the likes of these actors who lend credence to the



Lorna Tolentino: a salad of emotions

theatrical adage, "there are no small roles. Only small actors."

The only flaw to be found in the film is its ending. The audience feel they are no longer interested in tracking the whodunit part of the crime. The film begins with an even tempo working out up to the climax. However, the ending is unduly prolonged losing its impact in the process. And all the nice things that work out in the beginning subsided and went phfft at the end.

Despite this minor detail, the film has one important social comment. The nauseating

regards of the rich to the poor is the prime target of the film series of expose. To be sure, it is suggested that not all of the rich are harsh, but the expose is disturbing and deserving of public scrutiny and concern nonetheless.

Kailan... is every bit as honest and daring as the more controversial films of the day. Despite its downbeat details, however, it emerges as vindication of the sense of self that can galvanise seemingly ordinary people to realise the extraordinary qualities that lie within them and to bring these qualities to the fore, to redeem their life and make a difference.

By Kathy Cuddihy

BEAUTIFUL gardens are a bit like gourmet meals: a real treat when you don't have to do the work yourself.

The acreage surrounding our country cottage has all the potential of a gourmet garden; it just needs a fine chef to orchestrate the event.

In the absence of a full-time professional I, alas, am the nominee. I say "alas" not for myself, but for the poor garden which relies on my bumbling ineptitudes for its survival.

I think it knows I have the best intentions because it does try to look good. In appreciation, I include tomes of garden books in my summer reading schedule. I hang out at garden centres to pick up the latest "dirt" on planting and growing techniques and I cultivate gardeny friends.

This commitment has seen me progress from a rank amateur who couldn't distinguish a colourful weed from a desirable plant, to a dedicated amateur who realises that plants need food to flourish... and wonders if they'll eat last night's leftovers.

I haven't always been so enthusiastic about gardening. Probably because I never had my very own garden to worry about. When I was growing up, I would beg my mother to let me do anything, except the weeding. Silly,

Gourmet gardeners

really, especially considering the alternatives my mother devised.

In my adult years, I believed that gardening was an entertainment for retired people. Something to keep their minds off not working. Now I know better: 1) gardening is an occupation for anyone with a garden; 2) it might be a work of love, but it is definitely work. Hard work.

A garden the size of ours needs fairly constant attention during the growing season. Luckily, we have people who look after it for the nine months of the year we aren't at the cottage. During the summer, we do the job ourselves. In theory, the task should be manageable. After all, there are four of us, all able-bodied. For one reason or another, though, it just doesn't work out well in practice.

Himself, leader of the pack, knows enough about gardening to know what he likes and what he doesn't like. What he likes is a labour-intensive layout. What he doesn't like is intensive labour on his part. In all fairness, he does plant trees and trim hedges, but it doesn't take long for the novelty to wear thin... or for him to accidentally slice through the extension cord on the electric

clippers. His other cute trick is to arrange his holiday time to coincide with low maintenance periods: immediately after I've spent six weeks "tidying" the place.

When it comes to gardening, the children are magnified versions of their father. They love beauty and order but don't have the slightest inclination to make a physical contribution to the process. They simply want to sit back and enjoy. This isn't such an unreasonable desire. Heaven knows I feel the same way but someone, someone besides me, has to get their hands dirty.

So far, I've been able to coerce the children into submission. Sometimes it's hardly worth the effort. I have to listen to whining and put up with procrastination and, on occasion, inferior workmanship. Still, they're not entirely without merit. The youngest, Godop, will sometimes come to cutting the lawn. However, since the land is terraced into four movable levels, some levels (the easy ones) appeal more than others (the ones which slope, have "interference" such as trees, or are just plain too big).

Persuading them to do some serious weeding requires nothing short of

sophisticated tactics. Oh alright, I admit that have to resort to bribery, but I look on it as a case of the end justifying the means.

For a while, they pleaded weed identification ignorance but we soon overcame that argument. Only when I finally devised the two-bags-of-weeds-a-day plan did their true feelings surface.

"Mom, I HATE weeding," announced Tara. "Ditto" and double ditto. Kieran agreed with feeling.

"Children," I tried to explain rationally, "no one particularly likes weeding. It's just one of those things that have to be done. Today. And by you."

"Please, Mom," begged Tara, "we'll do anything, anything except the weeding."

Where have I heard that line before? I don't give in, though. Perhaps I'm a miserly love-company sort of person... or perhaps I simply want to spare them from the slavish alternatives I could devise.

I do know I have all the ingredients for a so-called gourmet garden. The "recipe" may not be going exactly according to plan, but with perseverance — and wise labour management — someday we'll have a "feast" fit for a king.

Life behind the screen

Directors with an itch for acting, who flopped earlier as actors, now apply their full pressure on the small screen to show their histrionics. While Tinnu is doing a romantic role in the video film, Shekhar Kapoor is dominating TV serials like "Mahagar," by indirectly getting them sponsored. With all his big close-ups on the small screen, Shekhar already dreams of himself as a hero. After this self-projection, it is not surprising if he pressures producers like Boney Kapoor to cast him in the big film. But being a marketing expert, Shekhar should know the difference of economics between TV and cinema.

Archana Joglekar has given enough nightmares to producers by bunking shootings. When pulled up for it, she gives an expression "So what?" about the harassment and waste. There is always the hidden threat of getting married. So no producer is coming her way. What a way to treat a paying career?

The kolis (fishermen) of Madh Island have become very smart. Seeing two star bungalows on the beach, they have got ideas for fleecing producers who come to shoot on the island. Every small thing is charged heavily. And if anybody's hut or tree comes in the camera's range, there is an extra fee.

Images of AIDS

By David E. Anderson

NOT since the Vietnam war has any event, if one can call the scourge of AIDS an event, stirred such conflicting emotions of Americans.

Anger, fear, hope, compassion, grief, desolation — sometimes directed at others, at the government, at society, at the vulnerable subgroups — all surface in the complex response to the deadly virus.

At such times, it is to the artists and poets that society looks to find the language or languages, the words and images that can articulate the seemingly unspeakable and sort out the confusion of emotions.

As in the photographs of Billy Howard.

It is the eyes, of course, that you first notice in Howard's 68 studies of people with AIDS, collected in "Epitaphs for the living: words and images in the time of AIDS" (Southern Methodist U. Press, 155 pp., \$26.95 until Sept. 1, \$35 thereafter).

And then the sharp angularity of the faces, the beginning traces of emaciation and wasting away, often accentuated by close-cropped hair fashionable among homosexual men.

But then, as you continue to study these often stark, black and white portraits — Howard works in the austere documentary tradition of Walker Evans — you notice something else: a dignity bordering on defiance in the face of death, a sense of a simple but profound joy in living.

This collection, shot mostly in Atlanta, is one of the most powerful in recent times, so moving that these photographs are at times nearly unbearable to look at.

At other times, your eyes will blur with tears as you read the brief paragraphs each of the subjects has added to his or her portrait: "When I was diagnosed with AIDS, I thought my life was over. I was afraid and confused. That was more than a year ago. I have had to make a lot of changes in my life

since then, but I've been blessed with a loving family and wonderful friends. Their love and support has given me the strength to keep going. I'm not afraid anymore. I am living with AIDS — not dying from it."

Howard avoids gimmickry in his portraits. The subjects are mostly gay men, some women, a baby and one heart-wrenching picture of a mother holding the portrait of her dead son. There is a restrained artfulness in the photographs that lets them set themselves naturally, even when posed, and their mostly simple contexts — sparse bedrooms, tasteful livingrooms, occasionally outdoor, sometimes, but not often, with lovers — let the living of the dying wordlessly speak volumes.

In "poets for life: 76 poets respond to AIDS" (Crown, 244 pp., \$18.95) editor Michael Klein went in search of the words that could stand alongside such projects as Howard's photographs or the moving quilt of the names project for AIDS, which memorializes many of those who have died of the disease.

It is a volume that powerfully speaks its message. And make no mistake, these are "message" poems, not in the sense of propaganda but in that each poem is a blunt confrontation with the same specific purpose.

Given the specificity of the topic, however, these more than 100 poems still demonstrate a wide range of concerns and tones, from the elegiac — X.J. Kennedy's "For Jed," Franklin Paine's "For David," and Adrienne Rich's "In Memoriam" — to the joyful, scatological defiance of Allen Ginsberg's "Spiralizer."

William Dickey's "Vindictiveness of religion" scores the judgmental attitude of fundamentalism. In one of the most powerful poems in the volume, Edward Hirsch reaches into history for a metaphor of the plague arriving in Europe in 1347.



FAMILY DOCTOR
By Dr. Allan Bruckheim

DIZZINESS COULD SIGNAL SERIOUS PROBLEM

QUESTION: What causes a child to be dizzy? Can it be dangerous?

ANSWER: Dizziness in children can have a number of different causes, ranging from a psychological disorder to brain tumor. Don't ever ignore dizziness in a child; it may indicate a serious underlying problem that needs treatment.

You also should be aware of dizziness in a child who's too young to have the vocabulary to describe the sensation he's experiencing. A child may describe dizziness as a spinning feeling, or indicate that he's feeling unsteady or light-headed.

Watch, too, for other symptoms that may accompany dizziness. Does the child suffer from nausea, vomiting, faintness, pallor and headache too? Does he or she black out or lose consciousness? Is dizziness brought on by rapid movement of the head? How long, and how frequently, does the dizziness occur? Is your child able to play or carry out normal activities despite feeling dizzy?

If dizziness occurs in your child, ask your physician about it. He or she will need to take a complete history and will ask you and your child a number of questions to try to pinpoint the cause of the dizziness. In addition, a thorough physical examination will help rule out a number of possible causes. Laboratory tests (looking for blood abnormalities, diabetes, etc.) and even a CT (computerized tomography) scan will help in the diagnosis.

In particular, your doctor will be interested in any ear or neurologic disorders that often have dizziness as a symptom. For instance, any obstruction, such as impacted ear wax, in the auditory canal could result in dizziness. Chronic ear infections or previous ear surgery could be the culprit. Your doctor will want to know if your child suffers from any kind of hearing loss, tinnitus (ringing in the ears), pain or feeling of fullness in his ears (in one ear or both).

Dizziness can also indicate benign paroxysmal vertigo of childhood, a fairly harmless and common childhood disorder characterized by recurrent attacks of dizziness that last a few seconds to a few minutes. During an attack, the patient may have nausea and vomiting and appear pale, with a constant involuntary movement of the eyeballs. This disorder usually disappears after six months to a year, and rarely occurs after the age of 6.

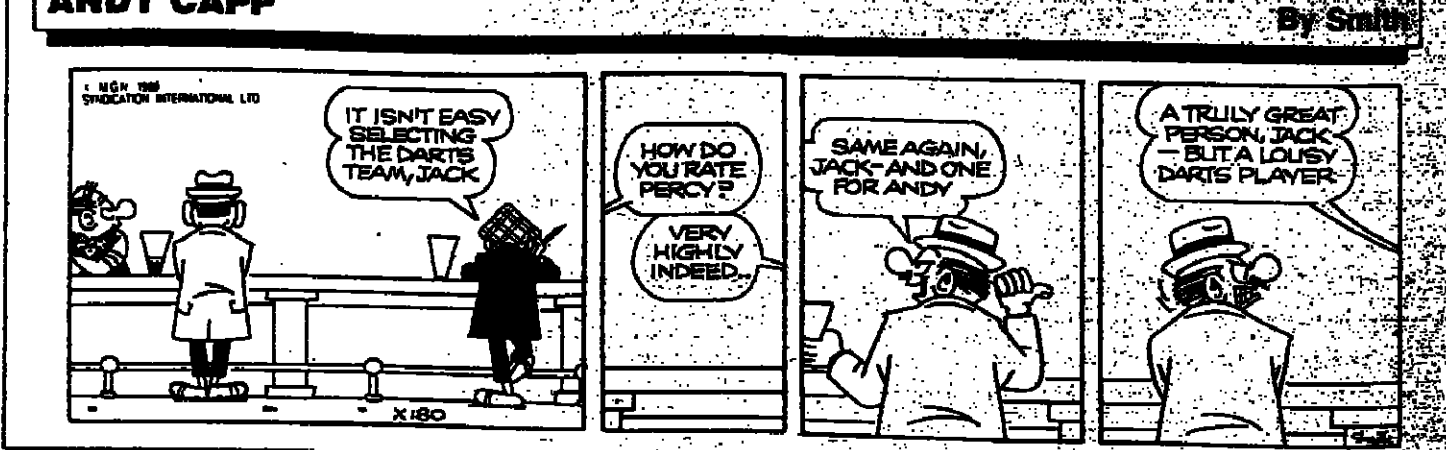
Other possible causes of dizziness could include medications, such as aspirin, antibiotics, and barbiturates (used to treat epilepsy and other seizure disorders), injury to the head, neck or spine, infections like meningitis, encephalitis or brain abscess, diabetes, low blood sugar, high or low blood pressure, hypothyroidism, diseases of the blood like anemia or leukemia, diseases of the central nervous system like multiple sclerosis, lead, arsenic, or alcohol poisoning, vitamin deficiency, migraine headaches, and seizure disorders, such as epilepsy.

As you can see this is not a simple question with an easy answer. If you have written because of an actual situation in your family, please get the child to the doctor as soon as you can. Hopefully the answers in your case will be simple and without serious consequences. 1988 Tribune Media Services, Inc.

As you can see this is not a simple question with an easy answer. If you have written because of an actual situation in your family, please get the child to the doctor as soon as you can.

Hopefully the answers in your case will be simple and without serious consequences. 1988 Tribune Media Services, Inc.

ANDY CAPP



By Smith

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Record lag expected in interest payments

Third World debt totals \$1.3 trillion

WASHINGTON, Aug 28, (AP): Fifteen of the world's principal debtor nations will fall behind in their interest payments this year by another \$4.9 billion, according to a group of top international banks. That would put their arrears on interest alone at \$15.08 billion, according to figures made available to the Associated Press.

The Institute of International Finance, a group of banks in leading industrialised countries, says Brazil, Argentina and Mexico owe the most. Bankers know them as "the Baker 15" after James A. Baker III, the US Secretary of the Treasury, who cited the countries as in need of special help. Baker is now Secretary of State.

A consensus of bank opinion issued by the institute said that growing interest arrears, as well as "calls for generalised debt forgiveness," makes new loans har-

der for the countries to get.

The 15 countries are mostly in Latin America. They also include Nigeria, the Philippines and Yugoslavia. By the end of 1989, they will owe about \$517 billion in interest and principal to banks and governments. A total of \$44.1 billion worth of interest will fall due by the end of this year, with about \$15 billion of it remaining unpaid.

Most haven't paid anything on the principal of their debt since the Third World debt crisis began in 1982. There are a few exceptions—namely Colombia, Uruguay and until this year, Venezuela—which the institute has not added up.

"Falling behind is a conscious policy of government leaders," said Christian Barrett, one of the institute's economists.

Money has been leaving Third World countries faster than it comes in. That is because they do pay most of the interest and some of the principal due on their loans, and partly because wealthy citizens often send their money to safe havens in industrialised nations. Much of this "capital flight" is illegal, and there are no reliable figures on it.

Barrett thinks that citizens of many debtor countries have shed away assets abroad that approach or even exceed the value of their own countries' debts to the commercial banks.

Leaders of debtor countries complain that the outflow of funds—about \$30 billion last year—is unnatural and a major cause of their declining standards of living through the 1980s.

"Poverty has increased because of debt," said Finance Minister Bernard Chidzero of Zimbabwe in a television programme prepared for broadcast here Sept 28. His country

owes a modest \$2.5 billion and is not among the 15.

He was echoed by Finance Minister Mailson Nobrega of Brazil, which owes about \$109 billion and is the Third World's biggest debtor.

"If we do not find a solution for the debt, then it will be solved by itself through political turmoil, through social unrest, and then industrial nations will wake up and find a solution," he said.

The television programme, prepared by a non-commercial station in Washington, will be broadcast when the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund hold their annual meeting here. Third World debt will be a major topic of the meeting.

Brazil has delayed some interest payments this year and is due to pay \$3 billion next month. Last year, Brazil caught up on its interest arrears thanks to an agreement with the banks and

the International Monetary Fund. Brazil agreed to receive new loans on condition that the government hold down borrowing at home. The fund, however, later ruled the holddown ineffective and halted disbursement of the loans. Many banks followed suit.

This year, the institute expects Brazil to pile up another \$700 million of interest arrears.

The institute estimates that Argentina, where the new government of President Carlos Menem is settling in, will owe about \$68.6 billion in interest and principal at the end of this year. Of that \$8 billion will be past-due interest.

Total debt of Third World countries is estimated at \$1.3 trillion. But many big debtors are not considered in financial trouble—India, with \$60.2 billion, China with \$42.4 billion and the Soviet Union with 39.3 billion.



James Baker

China and India to expand trade ties

NEW DELHI, Aug 28, (KUNA): The first Sino-Indian ministerial-level joint commission meeting on co-operation in economic and scientific fields will be held here from September 18.

The Indian delegation will be led by Commerce Minister Dinesh Singh and the Chinese delegation by the country's Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Minister Zhang Toubin.

Official sources here today said the Indian External Affairs Ministry is attaching great importance to the meeting and two working groups, one on trade and the other on co-operation in science and technology, would submit their reports to the commission.

The joint commission was set up following Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's visit to Beijing in December last year.

Official sources said India and China could set the ground rules for transfer of capital, technology and management from the developed countries to the developing in a manner which would bring economic benefits to all.

The sources said the question of the European Economic Community, emerging as a single market by 1992 and the effects of this on the developing countries, are also likely to dominate the three-day meeting.

India officials believe that if the two countries co-ordinate their economic strategies both in respect of economic liberalisation and foreign investments, a balancing economic force could be generated.

It would, therefore, be mutually advantageous to enter into a dialogue to evolve common strategies to acquire foreign capital and technology which would protect their respective infant domestic industries and fill the growing needs of their people. Experts also foresee trade between the two countries is at present in favour of China. The present bilateral trade turnover is Rs. 1,500 million.

Call to boost productivity

MEXICO CITY, Aug 28, (AP): Workers at state-owned companies must improve their productivity, President Carlos Salinas de Gortari warned the nation's largest and most powerful labour group in a speech yesterday.

Salinas was the keynote speaker at the opening of the 100th general assembly of the Mexican Workers Federation. State-owned businesses "must follow the pace of economic recovery," he said. "We can't spend resources subsidising unproductivity."

The new president has clashed several times with the federation, a key sector of the political structure that has been in the hands of his ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party for the last 60 years.

Indian rupee	18.090
Sri Lankan rupee	8.260
Pakistani rupee	14.360
Bangladesh taka	9.220
US dollar	30015
Pound sterling	47020
Deutsche mark	15290
UAE dirham	08175
Japanese yen	002088

Yemenis opt for US-Kuwait group

Oil exploration deal

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Aug 28, (Agencies): North and South Yemen have provisionally decided to award a consortium of US, French, Soviet and Kuwaiti companies exploration rights in a jointly controlled border area, the Middle East Economic Survey said today.

The consortium comprises the US Hunt-Esson group, which has the biggest stake at 37.5 per cent, France's CFP Total, and the Soviet Machineexport and Zaurbezneft, with both groups having an 18.75 per cent share, and the state-run Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Co., with 25 per cent.

The oil industry newsletter, published in Cyprus, said that final negotiations between the joint Yemeni company and the consortium will be held next month.

It noted that the North Yemeni government was "laid down certain conditions which

the consortium will have to fulfil if the award is to be finalised." But it did not elaborate.

The concession area covers nearly 800 square miles (2,000 square kilometres) of border territory. It lies between North Yemen's Marib-Jawf fields, operated by Hunt-Esson, and the Soviet-operated Shabwa field in South Yemen.

The North Yemen fields are producing an estimated 200,000 barrels a day. Production at Shabwa is expected to start early next year at an initial rate of 30,000 barrels a day.

The joint Yemeni company, the Yemen Company for Investment in Oil and Mineral Resources, was set up last year as part of an agreement ending a long-running border dispute.

The oil-bearing region straddles the border and the dispute threatened to curb exploration. The discovery of oil by the two neighbours, among the poorest

Arab states, has been an economic boon that neither can afford to jeopardise.

MEES said that if the consortium finds oil in commercial quantities, CFP-Total will handle exploration and Hunt-Esson production and development.

The Soviets will be primarily concerned with supplying equipment, MEES added.

Meanwhile, Exxon Corp., which said it could sell all the gasoline it could make this summer, acknowledged yesterday a nationwide boycott continues to affect sales five months after the Alaska oil spill, with 39,000 credit cards returned to date.

"Overall, the boycotts have had a slight impact on sales, mostly on a localised basis," a spokesman for the world's largest oil company said in reply to a question.

"To date, 39,000 credit card holders have cancelled since the March 24 spill (of the Exxon Val-

dez tanker). A month ago it was 36,000," the spokesman said.

He said Exxon marketers, for competitive reasons, declined to say how many cards normally are cancelled but, "they can attribute (the 39,000) to the oil spill itself."

Although the cancellations are less than 1 per cent of Exxon's 7 million credit card holders, they provide concrete evidence a segment of the American public has not forgotten or forgiven the spill, the worst in US history.

"Only a small percentage of the customers who returned their cards (earlier) have elected to reinstate their accounts," the spokesman said. He declined to give a percentage.

The spokesman said most of the cancellations came from "short-term" rather than "long-term" card holders, which he could not define in terms of the length of time held.

Geneva meeting to review market

No OPEC meeting planned

BELGRADE, Aug 28, (Agencies): OPEC will not meet officially in Belgrade during next week's Non-Aligned summit, a Yugoslav government minister said today less than a week after the Yugoslav news agency said a meeting would be held.

"The secretary general (of the summit) did not accept such a request," Dzevad Mujicovic, a minister without portfolio, told a news conference in Belgrade.

The official news agency Tanjug said last Tuesday that Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez would host a meeting of leaders of Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to discuss greater co-operation between the 13-member group and non-OPEC oil producers Mexico and Egypt.

Mujicovic, who heads the summit organising committee, did not elaborate, but a senior Foreign Ministry official told Reuters the meeting might still not be completely ruled out.

Mujicovic said 101 member states would attend the ninth summit of the Non-Aligned Movement from Sept 4 to 7.

In an annual development, the eight-minister OPEC monitoring committee will meet in Geneva on Sept 23 to review the oil market situation, it was announced in Vienna last week.

The organisation's five other member countries,

who are not members of the committee, are invited to attend the meeting, which is not empowered to take decisions.

OPEC secretary-general Dr Subroto explained that "this meeting would first have to be turned into a consultative session, with all 13 member countries participating, for discussions to be held, and then into an extraordinary meeting if decisions are to be taken."

The monitoring committee has a mandate by the conference to review the oil market, and, if warranted by crude demand, to raise the production ceiling from the current 19.5 million BPD to 20 million BPD, or any other agreed level, starting from 1 October, 1989.

It will also consider and prepare a long-term strategy, including the allocation of permanent production quotas for member countries, in addition to a restructuring of the organisation's secretariat.

Comprising the energy and oil ministers of Algeria, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, the committee is also responsible for continuing the dialogue with non-OPEC oil producing/exporting countries, with a view to securing their co-operation in support of market stability.

Top priority to increase investment

TUNIS, Aug 28, (Reuters): Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Bacouché today recommended a Keynesian-style policy of investment to stimulate the economy and cut unemployment.

Government investment in public works and the petrochemical industry, cut drastically under a World Bank-approved adjustment programme in 1986, could play a part in the expansion, Bacouché told an extraordinary session of parliament.

"We are going to give first priority to increasing the volume of investment by mobilising foreign and domestic resources to create new jobs," he said.

"Public investment can play a role in reviving major projects... in the fertilizer and energy sectors and can give greater momentum to the programme to prevent soil erosion, plant forests and build dams and roads," he added.

Protest against farm policy

Yugoslav peasants defy thunder and rain to protest against government farm policy in front of the federal parliament yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

US foreign trade deficit narrows

Markets subdued by caution

LONDON, Aug 28, (Agencies): Europe's financial markets were subdued today by caution ahead of US economic statistics due out later in the week and by a public holiday in Britain.

"Things are quiet, there is no new direction to trade and no new ideas," said one dealer in Frankfurt.

The first big US indicator this week is revised gross national product (GNP) for the second quarter of the year.

Due out tomorrow, economists expect it to show that the world's biggest economy grew by 2.5 per cent during April-June against an initial estimate of 1.7 per cent.

"The market will stay dead until we see the numbers," another Frankfurt currency dealer said.

More important for the market, however, is the August US employment data due out on Friday.

But some dealers doubted whether any of the week's statistics will move the market significantly.

"Unless the GNP and unemployment data are completely out of line, I do not expect many changes," said a Frankfurt trader.

The British bank holiday reduced activity in many European share centres, and

Paris and Frankfurt both drifted generally easier, traders said.

Gold eased a shade to close in Zurich at \$360.25 an ounce against Friday's finish of \$360.85.

The US foreign trade deficit narrowed to \$27.72 billion from April through June, the smallest quarterly imbalance in four years, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department said the gap between imports and US exports showed a 2.3 per cent improvement from the first three months of the year when the trade deficit totalled \$28.38 billion.

Big powers turned from war to economic rivalry after World War 2

LONDON, Aug 28, (Reuters): The global conflict which broke out 50 years ago next month was a cataclysm that saw the death throes of old empires and the dawn of a new age of stony superpower confrontation.

Stunned by a death toll of up to 60 million in World War Two and frightened by the invention of the atom bomb, the world's great powers ceased fighting for land and began competing for influence and money as a sour peace settled over the battlefields and devastated cities.

The war, which lasted nearly six years, drained the old European colonial powers and established two countries—the United States and the Soviet Union—as military and political superpowers whose rivalry was to shape events for decades.

A third country, China, achieved semi-superpower status by acquiring nuclear weapons in the 1960s, but today has still to win the political and economic weight to match its population of more than one billion.

Britain and France, the great empire builders of the late 19th and early 20th

centuries, were forced to grant independence to most of their colonies in the Third World and accept a role as second-ranking powers.

The losers of the war, Germany and Japan, had strict limits placed on their military power and devoted their energies instead to economic growth, a field in which they eventually outstripped their conquerors.

The pattern that emerged from the war—an uneasy balance between a capitalist West and a communist East, bordered by a host of states to the south struggling to achieve economic viability—has more or less held good since then.

But now there are signs it could be on the verge of change, under the relentless pressure of economics which has forced the communist countries into a corner and dampened their enthusiasm for world revolution.

World War Two began when Nazi Germany, seeking to expand its frontiers laid down after the German defeat in the First World War of 1914-18 and having just signed a non-aggression pact with its arch-foe the Soviet Union, invaded Poland on Sept 1, 1939. Britain and

France declared war on Germany two days later.

In 1940 the Germans occupied much of Western Europe, and the following year turned their attention eastwards, driving deep into the Soviet Union in June, 1941. In December, Germany's ally Japan attacked the American base at Pearl Harbour in Hawaii, bringing the United States into the war.

The tide turned in 1942. The Soviet Army threw back the Germans at Stalingrad and began to advance westwards, while the Western allies' victories in North Africa enabled them to invade Italy in 1943.

Following the Normandy landings of June, 1944, the allies closed in on Germany, which capitulated on May 7, 1945. The American dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki forced the surrender of Japan on August 14.

One result of the war was that the Soviet Union, as well as shifting its borders westwards, took effective control of Eastern Europe by helping to establish communist governments there.

This laid the foundations of the future "cold war" between East and West. The

West Europeans allied themselves with the United States and Canada in NATO in 1949, while the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact was set up in 1955.

On the economic front, the United States in 1947 offered Europe the Marshall plan, a \$17-billion aid package which led to the recovery of the Western half of the war-ravaged continent. Moscow obliged its allies to refuse the aid.

Many politicians from both East and West believe that the balance of forces and ideologies has kept the peace between the world's main powers for the past four decades.

But lesser conflicts, often fuelled by the superpowers' quest for world influence, have continued elsewhere. The United Nations has estimated that more than 20 million people may have died in some 150 wars since the end of World War Two.

And, 44 years after the war ended, their economies plagued by bureaucracy, low productivity and widespread shortages, have fallen far behind the prosperity of the West, and some of them are taking increasingly radical reform measures.

Economic reform is leading to political change. The Soviet Union is racked by ethnic unrest.

Poland—where Solidarity activist Tadeusz Mazowiecki was elected prime minister last week in a vote which broke more than 40 years of communist domination of Eastern Europe—and Hungary are steering towards multi-party democracy. The trend might in the long run query their place in the Warsaw Pact.

In Western Europe, the 12-nation European Economic Community is scheduled to complete by 1992 a single internal market which, with more than 320 million citizens, will be the biggest in the developed non-communist world.

Already by 1985 the EEC accounted for 18.3 per cent of world trade, compared with 17.5 per cent for the United States. Powerful forces are pushing for an ever-increasing economic, and ultimately political, role for EEC institutions at the expense of those of member states.

France and—despite lingering transatlantic attachments—Britain now see their role in an EEC context.

Wanted for immediate employment
Secretary
Indian female
Possessing transferable visa
Well versed in office routine
Ability to converse in Hindi essential
Contact Tel. No. 2435113 for appointment

WANTED
Typist-Secretary
with 5 years' experience in Kuwait and transferable residence permit.
Please call Tel: 5624650/5624786, Mr. Atef.

Kuwaiti Engineering Group (KEG)
requires the following:
Engineers/Architects and Draftsmen
Minimum 3 years' experience to work with computers (Auto Cad and GDS) with valid transferable residence.
Applications may be submitted to their office in the Saihiya Complex, Gate No. 1, 2nd Floor —
Tel. No. 2435080/1/2+3.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1989

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST
ABBEY NAT	149.0
ADT LTD	199.8
ALD LYONS	547.0
AMSTRAD	71.0
ARGYL GP	246.0
ASDA GP	197.0
BAA	366.0
BTR	474.0
BAT INDS	853.0
BARCLAYS	203.0
BASS	169.0
BEAZER	169.0
BERTSFORD	163.0
BET ORD	317.0
BICC PLC	551.0
BLUE ARW	112.0
BLUE CIRC	250.0
BOC GP	533.0
BOOTS CO	302.0
BPB INDS	247.0
BR COMM	169.0
BR AIRWAY	203.0
BR AEROSP	687.0
BR GAS RG	207.0
BR LAND	384.0
B. P.	305.5
BR STEEL	77.92
BR TELCOM	260.0
BUNZL	150.0
BURMAN OL	654.0
BURTON	588.0
CABLEWIR	420.0
CADBYRYS	420.0
CALOR GRP	431.0
CLRTN CO	898.0
CLRTN R.T.	887.0
COOKSONS	377.0
COURTAUD	389.0
DALGETY	413.0
DIXONS	71.00
ENG CHINA	463.0
ENTER OIL	580.4
FKI PLC	127.0
FISONS	73.0
GATEWAY	348.0
GEN ACCID	238.0
GEN ELEC	64.23
GLAXO	568.0
GRANADA	359.0
GLOBE	198.0
GLYNED	316.0
GOUL	466.0
GUINNESS	585.0
HAWKINS A	791.0
HAWKINS B	229.0
HAWKINS C	54.4
HAWKINS D	176.0
HAWKINS E	745.0
HILLSDOWN	314.0
INCHCAPE	291.0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALICE	036.0	034.0
600 GROUP	133.0	134.0
A. AMER TS	502.0	503.0
A.B. ELECT	400.0	397.0
A.S.U. HLD	278.0	279.0
AARONSON	87.0	88.0
AAH HLD	401.0	403.0
AARONSON	87.0	88.0
ADDISON	38.0	37.0
ADVEST	198.0	198.0
ALEX WRKV	236.0	236.0
ALEXON	422.0	423.0
ALLO CLRD	180.4	182.0
ALLO IRL	170.0	171.0
ALLO LDM	151.0	151.0
ALLO PART	75.4	76.0
ALLO TEXT	387.0	386.0
ALLIANCE	170.0	170.0
AMBER DAY	66.2	66.0
AMEC	474.0	472.0
AMER TST	174.0	175.4
AMERSHAM	470.0	472.0
AM HLTCH	407.0	407.0
ANGLIA SC	123.0	123.0
ANSBACHER	75.0	76.0
APPLEYARD	163.0	164.0
APV PLC	141.0	141.0
ATWOODS	493.0	495.0
AUST REED	415.0	415.0
ATTO SECS	276.0	276.0
AVESCO	143.0	143.0
AVIS EUR	560.0	560.0
AVON RUBB	501.0	498.0
B. MEMMILL	280.0	281.0
BARBOCK	64.4	65.0
BAILL JAP	616.0	616.0
BAILL SHI	106.0	106.0
BALD (W)	245.0	246.0
BALIC	116.0	160.0
BANK IRE	235.0	236.0
BANKER IT	99.0	100.0
BARDON GP	202.0	203.0
BART DEV	175.0	175.0
BAYNES C	35.0	36.0
BBA GROUP	223.0	223.0
BEAR BRND	11.4	11.4
BEATTIE J	142.0	143.0
BELHAVEN	53.4	54.0
BELLWAY	183.0	183.0
BENMOSE	244.0	243.0
BENLOX HD	56.0	57.0
BERKELEY	181.0	182.0
BKH GROUP	143.4	143.0
BK OF SCO	109.0	110.0
BLCK LE 2	8.4	8.4
BLCK LE 2	52.0	52.0
BNETT + F	97.0	97.0
BODDINGTON	190.0	191.0
BODY SHOP	444.0	443.0
BOOKER	464.0	464.0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 300 ORD	1981.0	1977.9	1977.9	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	24.01	24.01	24.01	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1205.78	1205.78	1205.78	926.59
FT GOV SEC	87.14	87.22	87.22	87.05
FT GOLD NH	197.00	201.70	201.70	161.9
FT MINES F	699.30	699.30	699.30	565.31
FT OIL	2161.1	2161.1	2161.1	1978.9
FT WLD DLR	152.44	151.72	151.91	141.17
FT WLD STG	143.96	143.25	142.14	115.30

London Stock Market Report

UK STOCKS CAUTIOUSLY STEADY, JUST BELOW FTSE 2,400

LONDON, AUG 25, REUTER - SHARE PRICES WERE HOLDING JUST BELOW THE PSYCHOLOGICAL 2,400 BARRIER ON THE FTSE INDEX IN LATE TRADING, AFTER WALL STREET LOST MUCH OF AN EARLY DOUBLE FIGURE GAIN IN A SEQUEL TO ITS ALL-TIME CLOSING HIGH SCORED YESTERDAY.

ONE DEALER SAID "THIS MARKET CAN'T MAKE ITS MIND UP ABOUT WHERE TO GO. IT'S NOT OVER-VALUED ON A HISTORIC EARNINGS BASIS BUT EQUALLY IT'S IGNORING AN EXPECTED PROFITS DOWNTURN. (INSTITUTIONAL) LIQUIDITY IS THE SPANNER IN THE WORKS."

BY 1458 GMT THE FTSE INDEX WAS 5.4 POINTS UP AT 2,398.5 AFTER A HIGH OF 2,404.5, ON TURNOVER OF 346.3 MLN SHARES.

* FOR FAST UPDATES OF LONDON STOCK REPORT SEE PAGE - STOCK *

DEALERS SAID THE PROXIMITY OF THE LONG U.K. BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND WAS ALSO DISCOURAGING ANY REAL BUYING INTEREST, AS MANY OPERATORS FEARED A POSSIBLE WALL STREET CORRECTION WHILEST THE LONDON MARKET IS CLOSED.

THE BUILDING MATERIALS SECTOR WAS DEPRESSED FOLLOWING FLAT HALF YEAR RESULTS YESTERDAY FROM MARLEY, WHICH WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A PROFITS WARNING.

REDLAND, 18P OFF AT 543, WAS AMONG THE HEAVIEST LOSERS AFTER A TIMES NEWSPAPER REPORT TODAY WHICH QUOTED ONE ANALYST VALUING REDLAND AT 430P PER SHARE. BUT MANY ANALYSTS CAUTIONED AGAINST A STRAIGHT COMPARISON BETWEEN MARLEY AND REDLAND.

London Gold

LONDON, AUG 25, REUTER - GOLD BULLION PRICES HELD AROUND THE KEY 360 DLRS AN OUNCE LEVEL BY THE CLOSE AS SUPPORT APPEARED FOR THE METAL AHEAD OF THE WEEKEND.

THE LONDON CLOSE WAS 360/360.50 DLRS AN OUNCE, DOWN 2.75 DLRS AN OUNCE FROM THURSDAY AND THE LOWEST SINCE JUNE 13.

DEALERS SAID GOLD WAS PERCHED PRECARIOUSLY NEAR NEW THREE-YEAR LOWS AND IS PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO A FURTHER RISE IN THE DOLLAR.

BUT THE METAL STABILISED THIS AFTERNOON IN THE ABSENCE OF A MAJOR ONSLAUGHT FROM NEW YORK TRADING AND AS EUROPEAN DEALERS WERE COVERING SHORT POSITIONS PRIOR TO A LONG U.K. WEEKEND.

London Money Market

LONDON, AUG 25, REUTER - STERLING INTERBANK RATES CLOSED VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED AFTER A LIFELESS AND FEATURELESS DAY AHEAD OF THE LONG WEEKEND BREAK, DEALERS SAID.

WHAT TRADING THERE WAS WOULD BE TO AN EARLY HALT AS MANY MARKET PARTICIPANTS LEFT SOON AFTER MIDDAY TO AVOID THE EXPECTED HOLIDAY TRAFFIC.

A POOR SET OF U.K. TRADE FIGURES, INCLUDING A 2.06 BILLION STG JULY CURRENT ACCOUNT GAP, ON WEDNESDAY WAS ALL BUT FORGOTTEN AND MARKET FINISHED WITHOUT ANY CLEAR TREND.

THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE CLOSED UNCHANGED FROM ITS PREVIOUS CLOSE AT 13-15/16 7/8 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPN
STG NO	1.5630/40	1.9645/55	6.6155/85	NOON
DMK 1.9600/9680	3.066/080		29.615/775	FIX
FFR 6.6095/6215	10.339/357	336.44/7.08		FIX
SFR 1.6935/6945	2.6486/6519	86.21/30	25.59/62	NOON
NFL 2.2135	3.4645	112.72	33.475	FIX
ECU				CLSE
SDR 1.24764	0.795689	2.44662	8.24815	CLSE
YEN				NOON
SDR RATE	25/08/1989	OTHERS	28/08/1989	

BOOTH ENR	500.0	498.0	HALMA	182.0	182.0	RAINE IND	101.4	103.0
BOUSTED	69.4	69.0	HAMMERSON	850.0	855.0	RANSOMES	211.0	211.0
BR ARROW	127.0	127.0	NANTHON LE	61.0	61.0	RATNERS	254.0	254.0
BR ASSETS	86.2	87.4	HAZELWOOD	267.0	268.0	RCHMD OGG	35.0	35.0
BR DREDGI	162.0	160.0	HEATH(C)CE	470.0	472.0	RECHAM EV	679.0	675.0
BR VITA	292.0	294.0	HELENE PL	33.0	33.4	REFUGO GP	525.0	527.0
BRENT CHE	152.0	154.0	HEPORTH	291.0	291.0	REGALION	105.0	105.0
BRENT WKR	411.0	410.0	HESTAIR	228.0	228.0	REGNTCRST	61.0	62.0
BRIDON	205.0	207.0	HEYWOOD W	284.0	285.0	RENOLO	106.4	106.4
BRITAIN SE	185.0	185.0	HICKS IN	275.0	278.0	RENTOKIL	372.0	375.0
BRITANNIC	492.0	494.0	HIGGS HIL	336.0	335.0	ROBINSON	452.0	452.0
BRIXTON E	247.0	247.0	HMBRO CITY	40.0	41.0	ROCKFORT	91.0	90.0
BRN & JAC	43.0	43.0	HNDP SPHR	214.0	215.0	ROSEHAUGH	695.0	695.0
BROWN SHI	345.0	345.0	HNDP SPHR	214.0	215.0	ROTHSCHELD	221.0	222.0
BRYANT GP	95.0	96.0	HNTPT SPHR	163.0	165.0	ROTORK	178.0	177.0
BSS INTL	76.4	77.0	HOLMES PR	82.0	82.0	RUGBY GRP	196.0	196.0
BUDGENS	113.0	114.0	HONDER GP	164.0	165.0	RUTLAND T	38.0	38.0
BULLOUGH	143.0	142.0	HPOKINSON	74.0	75.0	SAGA GRP	296.0	296.0
BULMER HP	181.0	182.0	HWDG.OBGS	152.0	153.0	SALE TLNY	220.0	221.0
CAIRO GRP	545.0	547.0	HTV GROUP	112.0	112.0	SALVESSEN	156.0	157.0
CALENDONIA	394.0	393.0	ICE.F.F. FD	380.0	381.0	SAVILLE G	65.0	63.0
CAMB ELEC	203.0	203.0	IMRY H.DV	68.0	64.0	SAVOY "A"	885.0	880.0
CAMFORD E	281.0	281.0	INDPHOT W	15.0	15.0	SCOT I.T.	169.4	169.4
CANNING W	283.0	282.0	INOCO PLC	34.4	35.0	SCOT MET	165.0	166.0
CANNON ST	228.0	228.0	INT.BULCH	148.0	149.0	SCOT MORT	143.0	143.0
CAP.RADIO	915.0	919.0	INT.CITY	47.0	48.0	SCOT.MH.I	120.0	120.0
CARADON	342.0	344.0	JOS HLDGS	165.0	165.0	SCOT.NAT.I	187.4	188.0
CARLCO EN	137.0	138.0	KALAMAZOO	32.0	32.0	SCT NAT C	68.0	69.0
CATTLE HD	67.0	68.0	KALON GRP	37.0	37.0	SCT NAT I	95.0	95.0
CAULDON	11.0	11.0	KELT ENGY	57.4	58.0	SCT NAT W	20.0	20.0
CENITL TV	808.0	813.0	KETSON	16.0	16.0	SECS TST	71.0	71.4
CHARTERNA	22.0	21.6	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	SECTV 1P	15.4	15.4
CHILORIDE	37.4	38.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	SEMA GRP	370.0	370.0
CHRISTIES	324.0	330.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	SHANDWICK	141.0	142.0
CI GROUP	49.0	50.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	SHANK&CO	505.0	505.0
CITYFARM	295.0	293.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	SHERATON	80.0	81.0
CNTRL SEC	56.0	56.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	SHIRE INV	249.0	250.0
CNTRY OIL	147.0	148.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	SIMON ENG	412.0	414.0
COALITE	476.0	475.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	SINGERGR	77.0	77.0
COATES BR	267.0	268.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	SOV.O&GAS	189.0	188.0
COLOROLL	146.0	147.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	SPRNG RAM	107.0	108.0
CONNELLS	188.0	190.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	SPRX-SARC	246.0	247.0
COOPER F	172.0	172.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	ST.ANDREW	245.0	246.0
COSTAIN	322.0	323.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	ST.MOOREN	40.4	40.0
COURTES FR	183.0	185.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	STAKIS	113.4	114.0
COVIE (T)	127.0	127.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	STEELEY	427.0	428.0
CRH	213.0	215.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	STERN	219.0	219.0
CRODA INT	225.0	227.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	STOARD	40.0	41.0
CRYSTALAT	86.0	86.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	STORMGLAR	17.4	17.4
CTRY PROPT	217.0	225.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	STURGE HD	260.0	262.0
DARES EST	31.6	31.6	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	T.I.P. EU	183.0	184.0
DAVIS GRP	174.0	173.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	TEES INV	461.0	461.0
DAVY CORP	258.0	259.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	TELEMETRIX	47.0	47.0
DAWSON GP	97.0	95.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	TEMPLE BA	272.0	273.0
DELTA GRP	356.0	357.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	THAMES TV	552.0	550.0
DEVENISH	350.0	350.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	THORNTONS	142.0	142.0
DEWHIRST	39.0	39.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	THROUGHTN	86.0	87.0
DIPLOMA	183.0	183.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	TIE RACK	76.0	74.0
DOBSON PK	101.4	101.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	TILBURY	619.0	628.0
DOPPAS GR	385.0	386.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	TINE PROD	185.0	186.0
DOUGINGHAM	76.0	77.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	TIPHOCH	505.0	505.0
DOWELL GRP	290.0	291.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	TOMKINS F	284.0	285.0
DRAYTON EE	576.0	581.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	TOTAL	127.4	127.0
DREXCO	576.0	581.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	TOTAL KAM	126.4	124.0
DRG	566.0	568.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	TR CITY	101.4	102.0
DUKEMISTRI	73.4	73.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	TR PACIFIC	84.0	84.0
DUNDEE LD	320.0	321.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	TR PROPTY	62.2	62.0
DUNNILL	404.0	405.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	TR TRSTEE	166.0	166.4
EAGLE TST	17.4	17.6	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	TRIMOCO	34.4	35.0
EDIN I.T	218.0	218.4	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	TRIPLEX	177.0	178.0
EDMOND HD	38.4	38.4	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	U-KUNICK	62.4	62.0
ELECTRA	332.4	333.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	U-LDN FRF	108.0	108.0
ELECTROCOM	218.0	218.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	U-MICROVT	38.0	38.0
ENAP	266.0	263.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	U-MOLNAR	32.0	32.0
ENESS	134.0	134.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	U-MONNHT	29.2	29.2
EMPIRE ST	176.0	176.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	U-MRRYTON	438.0	440.0
ENG.INT.J	162.0	162.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	U-N. SEARG	38.0	38.0
ETAN	221.0	220.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	U-PAVLOV	3.6	3.6
EURO.HOME	177.0	178.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	U-SAC INT	116.0	115.0
EUROETHERM	352.0	350.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	U-STN BUS	508.0	505.0
EURLTAL TV	790.0	790.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	U-STINHOPE	218.0	218.0
EURLTAL TV	63.4	64.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	U-TNRND W	23.8	23.0
EVODE GRP	178.0	178.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	U-TNRND W	47.4	47.4
EXC.CO.LOU	256.0	257.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	U-TUBULAR	21.2	21.2
F&C ENR	221.0	222.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	U-TV AN	213.0	213.0
F&C EUROT	35.0	35.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	U-UTC GRP	190.0	190.0
F&C PACIF	232.0	232.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	U-WMS LEI	25.0	25.0
F&C SMLLR	90.0	90.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	U-YKO GP	94.0	94.0
FARNELL E	160.0	162.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	UK PAPER	265.0	265.0
FED.HOUSH	135.0	135.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	ULSTER TV	139.0	139.0
FENNER JH	177.0	178.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	UNION DIS	550.0	553.0
FERGUSON	271.0	273.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	UNITECH	331.0	330.0
FINE ARTS	279.0	280.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	UTD.INDUS	64.0	64.0
FINLAN GP	76.0	76.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	UTD.SCIEN	141.0	142.0
FINLAY J	118.0	118.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	UTD.VESICIN	67.4	67.0
FITCH LOV	282.0	282.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	VALP SPR	332.0	332.0
FLM.H.INC	110.0	110.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	VERSION	39.0	39.0
FLM.AMR	180.4	181.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	VG INSTMT	442.0	443.0
FLNG ENT	153.0	153.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	VICKERS	237.0	239.0
FLNG F.E	263.0	263.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	VPI GROUP	108.0	109.0
FLNG FEN	276.0	276.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WADDINGTON	198.0	198.0
FLNG OSEA	212.0	212.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WAGON HOD	362.0	360.0
FLNG TECH	206.0	208.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WARD HDS	80.0	79.0
FRNDLY HO	272.0	270.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WARDLE ST	340.0	343.0
FROMGORE	536.0	535.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WATERFD U	73.0	73.0
GALLIFORD	94.0	95.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WATES CTY	199.0	199.0
GARDINER	59.0	60.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WATFRD WG	73.0	73.0
GEEST	317.0	318.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WATS B&B	376.0	375.0
GET INTL	151.0	152.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WCCS GRP	292.0	291.0
GERRODANET	268.0	270.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WCP GRP	306.0	306.0
GESTNETER	283.0	284.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WELBY	114.0	114.0
GOODE DUR	127.0	127.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WESTBURY	215.0	215.0
GPB	24.0	25.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WESTLAND	143.0	142.0
GRANPH HD	221.0	221.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WHEWY	137.0	136.0
GREENW KNG	535.0	535.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WHITECROF	322.0	323.0
GREYCOAT	559.0	561.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WILSON BO	214.0	213.0
GRNP TV	68.0	70.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WILSON CON	149.0	148.0
GT PRYTLND	330.0	331.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WOLSELEY	300.0	302.0
GUINNESS NA	145.0	145.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WOLVOLDU	748.0	748.0
GVS ORD	600.0	600.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WPP GRP	68.0	68.0
GWT INT	442.0	441.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	WST MOTOR	80.0	79.0
GWT STRA	301.0	302.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	Y&B VARIO	358.0	353.0
H.LND DIS	247.0	248.0	KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	YORK CHEM	383.0	385.0
			KLMRT CHR	162.0	163.0	YORK CHN	112.0	112.0

BUSINESS

Singapore looks overseas to solve labour shortage

SINGAPORE, Aug. 28. (Reuters) Singapore is battling an acute labour shortage by encouraging foreign workers to move to the tiny island state while urging labour-intensive businesses to move out.

Among those invited in are blue and white collar workers from Hong Kong, where many residents are keen to leave the British colony before 1997, when it reverts to Chinese rule.

"If we want to continue to grow, we need more people — people with skills, drive and ability," Minister of State for Trade and Industry Mah Boon Tan said recently. Singapore government incentives are encouraging food processing, electronics, marine, printing and publishing concerns to establish new ventures overseas.

One shipyard has already announced it will shift a floating dock to India's Madras port because of the labour shortage in Singapore and also build a shipyard in Madras.

With local labour stretched to the limit

employers use novel perks to attract and retain staff. These include lucky draws every three months with 10,000 dollars (\$5,200) worth of home appliances for the winner.

Unemployment in Singapore dropped to 3.3 per cent in 1988.

Even with 150,000 foreigners working here, businessmen estimate another 60,000 to 80,000 are needed to supplement Singapore's 1.2 million labour force.

Officials estimate that an additional 12,000 workers are required for each percentage point Singapore's economy grows above four to six per cent.

With second quarter economic growth at a booming 9.1 per cent, businessmen say little immediate relief is in sight. A US embassy report projects unemployment will drop to just two per cent this year.

"It is a wonderful market now for employers," said George Abraham, executive director of the Singapore Indian

Chamber of Commerce. "Someone getting choosy now."

The recent moves by the government may ease the shortage in the long term, businessmen said.

In June, Singapore relaxed its immigration standards in a controversial move to attract professional workers and artisans, especially from Hong Kong. It is hoped up to 100,000 Hong Kong residents will take advantage of the offer in the next five to ten years.

To entice local companies to set up joint ventures and subsidiaries overseas, Singapore offers tax holidays and protection of their investment against any loss from sale of shares or overseas assets.

Singapore is already the largest investor in neighbouring Malaysia, with 500 million dollars (\$293 million) in approved investments in the first half of this year, compared with 310 million dollars (\$163 million) for the whole of 1988 and 191

million dollars (\$100 million) in 1987.

"I can see in the next five to 10 years we will see more companies moving abroad," said Abraham.

"We are small and we have a limited workforce. Shifting labour-intensive companies overseas is more promising (than immigration). Immigration alone cannot solve all the problem because there are social problems involved," he said.

Officials calculate that if 25,000 Hong Kong workers and their families move in, this would add about four per cent each year to Singapore's gross domestic product, the sum of goods and services produced.

Government officials say unless Singaporeans can be induced to have more children there will be even fewer young workers in 20 to 30 years.

Singapore has been exhorting parents to have bigger families after a 20-year-old birth-control campaign to "stop at two" proved too successful.

Kaifu to tell Bush US must attack root economic problems

Economy will continue to expand at lower pace

TOKYO, Aug. 28. (Agencies) The US economy will continue to expand this year but at a lower pace and inflation will slow as the economy decelerates, a Japanese commercial bank predicted in an analytical report today.

US exports and plant and equipment investment will remain firm but little contribution can be expected from personal spending, said the report by the Fuji Research Institute, a think-tank of Fuji Bank.

The report said the US economy grew a net 4.4 per cent in the January-March period of this year but it has lost much of its vigour.

"Economic growth will slow even further in 1989, finishing the year up approximately 2.6 per cent," the report said.

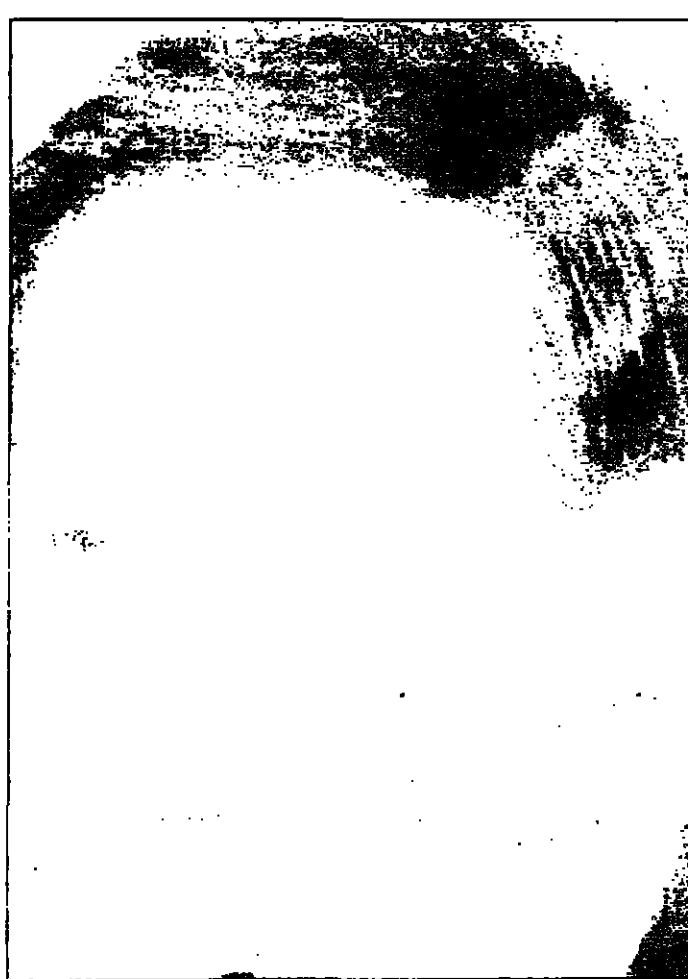
It said exports and plant and equipment investment will be firm throughout 1989, again leading economic growth.

"Investment-related exports will rise as companies prepare for EEC market integration. The dollar will gradually weaken from now on, further boosting exports," the report said.

The report predicted the US customs-clearance trade deficit for 1989 will shrink \$15 billion from 1988 to \$104 billion. The decrease, however, will be only half the \$33.6 billion improvement recorded in 1988, it added.

US exports in 1989 will increase 13 per cent over 1988, also down sharply from the 26.9 per cent year-on-year growth recorded last year, the report said.

On the Japanese economy, the report said the domestic economy will continue to expand and expansion would have continued for 40 consecutive months at the end of 1988, ending next March 31.



Tosmiki Kaifu

Japan's exports will continue strong and its global trade surplus in the current fiscal year will be \$98 billion, up from \$95.3 billion in 1988, the report said, adding "Demand for plant and equipment investment abroad and Japan's own direct investment show no signs of slackening."

Meanwhile Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu plans to tell President George Bush on Friday Japan is ready to discuss its root economic problems but the United States must be prepared to do the same.

"We are not saying it is a domestic issue, it's none of your

business," Foreign Ministry Director Mitoji Yabunaka said today. "But the United States must also make some efforts."

Kaifu, who took power three weeks ago, leaves for the United States on Wednesday then proceeds to Mexico and Canada.

"He is going to stress... that efforts should be made by both sides," Yabunaka told reporters today.

At Bush's urging, Japan has agreed to high-level talks aimed at uncovering the underlying causes of their yawning trade gap and putting them right.

The two sides are scheduled to sit down here next week for the first session in the vice-ministerial talks, called the structural impediments initiative.

Yabunaka, who is in charge of economic relations with Washington at the Foreign Ministry, said Japan believes a big reason for the US trade deficit is that the United States spends too much and saves too little.

During the talks, Tokyo will also question whether the United States is doing enough to increase exports of manufactured products, including speeding up enough on increasing capacity and boosting research and development.

Washington has already served notice that it will argue Japan saves too much and spends too little, especially on imports.

The United States also plans to criticise Japan's distribution system of small family stores, which it says tend to hinder imports.

Yabunaka cautioned against expecting quick results from the initiative.

"We can't easily envisage a quick fix," he said.

He said the two sides should concentrate discussion on areas where governments can have some impact.

Japan to extend \$1b loan to Mexico

TOKYO, Aug. 28. (AP) Japan will extend a yen loan worth \$1 billion to Mexico to help it combat worsening air pollution in its capital city, a Japanese newspaper reported today.

The loan will be the first application of Japan's environmental official development assistance programme, in which Tokyo will provide a total of 300 billion yen (\$2.08 billion) in loans for environmental protection in developing countries, the Yomiuri Shimbun said.

The newspaper said Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu will inform Mexican President Carlos Salinas De Gortari of the \$1 billion loan when Kaifu visits Mexico on Sept. 5.

Kaifu will leave Wednesday on a tour that will also take him to the United States and Canada.

A Foreign Ministry official, who spoke anonymously, said the government "is still considering the amount and other details" regarding the Japanese loan to Mexico.

The Mexican government will use the loan, to be paid over the next several years, in an anti-pollution programme, which will cost about \$3 billion, to help relieve Mexico City's air pollution problem, the newspaper said.

With a population of 20.5 million people, Mexico City is said to have the world's worst smog, the daily said.

During the Paris summit of major industrialised countries in July, then-prime minister Soudouke Uno announced that Japan would implement a three-year yen-loan programme as part of its contribution to global environmental protection.

Meanwhile, the Japanese government has decided to provide to Mexico ahead of schedule a total of \$2.08 billion in loans from its Export-Import Bank over the next three years, another Japanese newspaper, the Asahi Shimbun, reported.

The Asahi quoted a government source as saying Kaifu will convey the government's willingness to accelerate the loan schedule to US President George Bush and Salinas respectively, during his upcoming visits to both their countries.

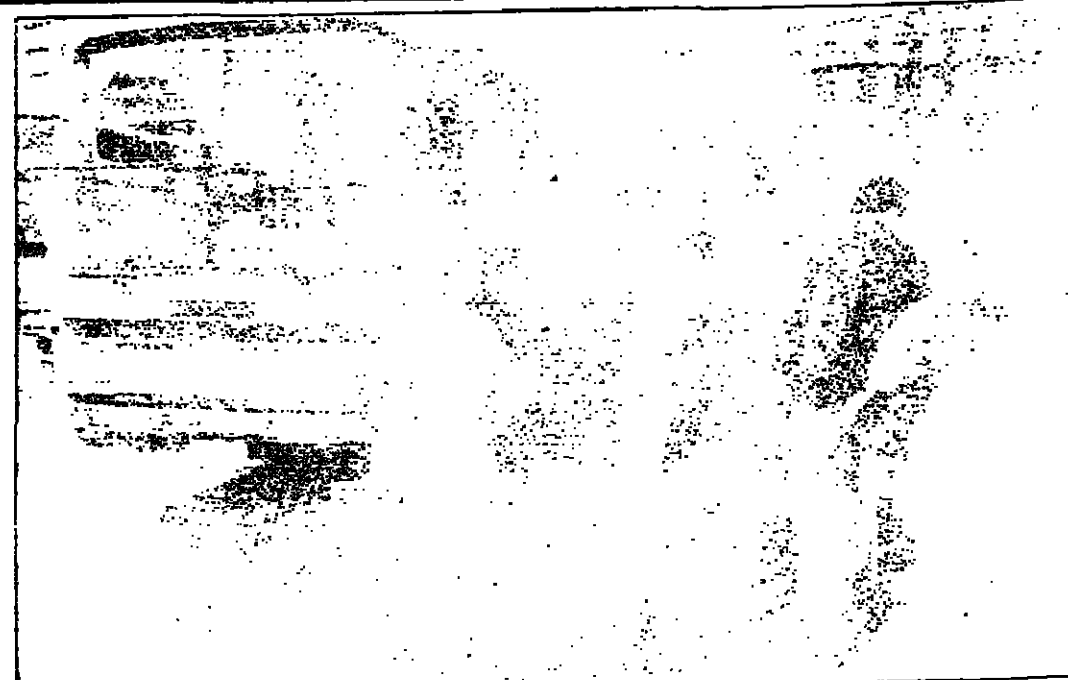
Meanwhile, major Japanese automaker Nissan Motor Co said today it has developed a computer-equipped hydraulic active suspension system which offers greater precise control than the air suspension system currently in use.

Fresh move to strengthen economy

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 28. (Reuters) The government agreed today to set up a three-man committee headed by Finance Minister Shimon Peres to speed up economic development projects to combat Israel's rising unemployment.

The seasonally adjusted jobless total rose to 150,000 or 9.5 per cent of the workforce in the second quarter of this year, the highest for 20 years. One year earlier it was six per cent.

Last month the government introduced a \$140-million spending package to try to stimulate economic growth which has remained static this year after a sluggish 1.6 per cent increase in gross domestic product in 1988.



Travellers queue in downtown Sydney yesterday after 1 600 domestic airline pilots resigned last week, bringing domestic air travel in Australia to a standstill. Picture shows passengers boarding a Brisbane-bound bus, brought in to help move stranded air travellers around the country. (Reuters wirephoto)

Australian pilots crisis

No early breakthrough expected

SYDNEY, Aug. 28. (Reuters) The Australian government said today it did not expect an early breakthrough in a pilots' pay dispute that has shut down all domestic flights and left air services in chaos for six days.

"I think it's difficult to be optimistic at this stage. We're not looking at any immediate breakthrough in the dispute," Federal Transport Minister Ralph Willis said in a radio interview.

He said foreign charter flights, subject to Australian safety requirements, might be allowed to join a skeleton domestic service being operated by Air Force transport plane and international carriers.

Australian Airlines, ANSETT and East-West Airlines, supported by the Labour government, had advertised outside Australia for pilots to replace the 1,600 who resigned from the three domestic airlines last Thursday.

The Australian Federation of Airline Pilots has also advertised overseas warning pilots of the problems they might face if they take the jobs.

"We have had an enthusiastic response from pilots qualified to fly our aircraft," a spokesman for the domestic airlines said. He declined to give any details.

Domestic air services provide a vital link with the outback and between major cities in Australia

which is more than one-and-a-half times the size of Europe. The airlines carry more than 250,000 passengers a week but the emergency service can cater for less than 20 per cent, aviation officials said.

Some desperate travellers are flying via New Zealand while others are booking seats on international flights which call at another Australian city, then getting off and claiming a refund on the unused international portion of the ticket.

Hire car companies reported a 500-per cent increase in business, while some business executives have formed a taxi pool for interstate travel.

Trains and buses, plying between major cities, also reported roaring business. Meanwhile, a cargo jet from an American air carrier arrived today in Australia to carry freight for one of three domestic airlines grounded by a strike of 1,600 pilots, a spokesman said.

The nation's cabinet also met today to consider plans to bring in additional chartered aircraft and crews in a bid to break a crippling 5-day strike by domestic airline pilots.

A DC-8 cargo jet and crew from Arrow Air of Amman, Jordan arrived in Sydney today and will take up freight delivery

duties for strikebound ANSETT airlines on Tuesday, the airline said.

An airline spokesman said the three domestic carriers — ANSETT, Australian Airlines and East West — had received offers of help from other airlines in Asia, Europe and the United States.

The airlines expect to receive additional applications from overseas pilots after placing advertisements in newspapers around the world.

Thousands of passengers stranded by the strike are being transported around the country by 14 international airlines which have been granted additional landing rights in Australia and by units of the Royal Australian Air Force.

But the foreign airlines are able to carry only 3,200 passengers, compared with a normal daily 40,000 people handled by the three domestic airlines.

Transport Minister Ralph Willis said the chartered aircraft and crews would not be able to replace all of the capacity lost because of the strike but could increase the weekly number of passengers carried within Australia to 50,000.

Australia's domestic airlines normally carry 250,000 passengers a week.

Plans to close companies

China unveils new screening

BEIJING, Aug. 28. (AP) Chinese authorities announced today a new wave of closures of commercial, financial and supply companies as part of their efforts to restore central economic controls that had been delayed in recent years.

An order issued by the Communist Party central committee and the State Council, China's cabinet, said screening out of companies that are "redundant, not qualified, not able to meet the public needs, in violation of state laws or discipline, poorly managed for insolvent," will last until March.

The official Xinhua News Agency announced the decision today but said it was made Aug. 17, the first indication that the ruling party's powerful central committee had met then. There was no explanation for the delay in announcing the decision.

Xinhua gave no estimate of how many companies would be closed. It said others would lose preferential treatment, such as tax reduction or exemption — favours given by some locales to encourage new private or semi-private business.

The government already has said it will cut sharply the number of companies authorised to conduct foreign trade, on the grounds that the last few years' proliferation of trade companies has caused market confusion.

Last month, the party Politburo and State Council shut down two large state-owned conglomerates, including one linked to senior leader Deng Xiaoping's son, Deng Pufang, and ordered audits of others. In those cases, however, the main reason was alleged corruption.

The two bodies also barred children and spouses of top government and party leaders from working in commercial companies because of frequent conflicts of interest. The government said Saturday that all those affected by the order had quit their jobs.

The new order was much broader and appeared directed at the millions of factories and commercial companies that have sprung up outside the state plan during a decade of economic reform.

Central authorities have been trying since last fall to regain control over these companies. Some fall under provincial or city governments and some are privately or collectively owned.

They have far outstripped the large, central government, controlled sector in efficiency and profits, and have siphoned away scarce raw materials and funds.

Many local governments so far have denied Beijing's orders to "rectify" their economies, and it was not clear how the government intended to enforce the new order. Xinhua said provincial governors would share responsibility for its implementation.

The news agency wrote, "some local departments and institutions have still taken a wait-and-see attitude toward the screening and rectification work."

It added in an apparent attempt to reassure concerned local governments: "The rectification doesn't mean to negate the roles of (such) companies in economic construction (but) ... to clean up and rectify their problems."

KD deposit rates steady

KUWAIT, Aug. 28. (Reuters) Kuwaiti deposit rates were mostly unchanged today in an all-but-dead summer market, dealers said.

Dealers offered overnight two percentage points higher at six per cent, but reported no trades. Other periods were unchanged. Tomorrow's rate was quoted at seven six and spot next at 8-1.2 7-1.2. One to six months were indicated at 8-1 2 1 4.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar to dollar exchange rate to 0.29934 44 from Sunday's 0.29905 15.

Meanwhile, Saudi rial inter-bank deposits were steady in a dull market today, but some business in short-dated funds was seen as operators covered positions.

Dealers said a long weekend in the London offshore market and steady US interest rates kept many traders on the sidelines. Riyal deposits have closely tracked Eurodollar rates in recent weeks.

Spot-next and one-week were quoted at 8-3.4, 1.2 per cent

The spot rial was also steady at 3.7504 07 to the dollar.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 28/08/1989

B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
4	Danny F	GH&Q	4347815
6	Tibuk	ESA	4843150
12	Koper Express	M. Bahar	2433831
13	Norasia Arabia	Emad	4841807
F.D	Gogo Royal	Algh Barwill	4842988

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT

ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
28.8	Peruvian Reefer	ISA	2441860
28.8	Oriental Highway	United	4847958
28.8	Chijin	ISA	2441860
28.8	Seacoral	Algh Barwill	4842988

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT

B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Rize K	RSMS	2423642
VSL AT ANCHORAGE			
B.No.	Ships name	Agent	Tel No.
	Nilam	Sager	2432692
	Liao Yang	M.A. Bahar	2433881

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT

ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
26.8	Budapest	RSMS	2423642
28.8	Marjon	Al Kamal	2423437
27.8	Dubai	UASC	4843150
28.8	Sea Star L	Algh Barwill	4842988
31.8	Jay Gayatri	Algh Barwill	4842988
1.09	Sunset	RSMS	2423642
1.5.9	Golden Sea	RSMS	2423642
04.9	Khaled Ibn Al Waleed	UASC	4843150
10.8	Star Shine	Algh Barwill	4842988
20.9	City of Elmina	BB Hassan	2433537

Compiled by: Alghanim Barwill Shipping Co. WLL, Kuwait. Tel: 4842888/4843988 ext. 3628/3846 Fax No. 4845712, Tlx 22084 Barwill KT Tlx 30894 SLS KT.

Africa pushes for debt conference, more relief

CAIRO, Aug. 28. (Reuters) African officials stepped up their campaign today for an international conference on the continent's \$240 billion in foreign debts and called for hefty cuts in the sum owed.

"We need immediate measures to reduce the stock of debt," the executive secretary of the U.N. Economic Commission for Africa, Adebayo Adedeji, declared.

"What is needed is (to) reduce substantially the stock of debt," he added.

He was addressing the opening session in Cairo of a three-day seminar on Africa's debt crisis, an unprecedented gathering of officials from African debtor nations with their creditors.

The 150 delegates included representatives of multilateral institutions like the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), private banks and Western and East bloc diplomats.

One official described the meeting, arranged by the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), as a "brainstorming ses-

sion. The OAU said delegates would discuss technical and political questions raised by creditors over a four-year-old proposal for a formal international conference on Africa's debt.

OAU Secretary General Ide Oumarou said creditors had been assured such a conference would not be used as a forum for confrontation, yet they were still hesitant to take part.

"Africa's creditors will not be left indifferent," he said, underlining the OAU's determination to keep up pressure for a conference.

Without a lasting solution to the debt problem, he said, Africa faced the prospect of being trapped in a "vicious circle of economic servitude."

Oumarou attacked what he called an unfair economic system, including trade and other protectionist measures against Africa's exports of mainly mineral and farm products.

He and Adedeji linked the debt crisis to a slump over the past decade in world prices for many of the commodities produced by Africa and to inadequate aid.

"The debt crisis is primarily the by-product of the collapse in the commodity market. Therefore a long-term solution of the debt problem must also address squarely the commodity problem," Adedeji said.

He suggested a five-point agenda for an international conference including proposals for cuts in the debt owed and interest rates and an agreement with creditors to limit debt service dues to 10 to 15 per cent of annual export earnings.

In 1988, debt service repayments swallowed up four-tenths of Africa's export income.

Adedeji's agenda would include unspecified measures to raise commodity prices and encourage increased flows of resources and direct foreign investment.

He also said industrialised nations should drop demands for debt relief to be

linked to acceptance by debtor nations of IMF and World Bank economic reforms. Adedeji predicted that Africa's debt would more than double to about \$550 billion over the next decade if current trends persisted — a nearly tenfold jump since the late 1970s.

He said the debt was equal to nearly nine-tenths of Africa's annual economic output last year. One-third of this resulted not from actual borrowing but from high interest rates and frequent reschedulings on commercial rather than the original soft terms.

"It is now clearly beyond doubt that reschedulings are mere palliatives which aggravate the problem in the long-run," he said.

Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Boutros Ghali, appealed for what he called a serious north-south dialogue, adding, "The time has come for world public opinion to be aware of the plight in which Africa lives."

EVENTS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1989

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
9.30 Cartoons
10.15 Magazine D'Actualite
10.00 Asr Al Hob: Daily Arabic Serial (Part 10)
11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
11.15 Abah Munera: Daily Local Serial (Part 5)
12.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
12.15 Hikayat Maa Al Nojoom: Variety programme
1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World Today via Satellite
1.30 Al-Shaqet: Cartoon serial
2.15 Al Hejra Ila Al Watan: Daily Arabic Serial (Part 8)
3.15 Innaho Al Haq: Religious Programme
3.35 Al Tenseh Al Sagheer: Cartoon serial
4.00 La Waqt Lil Dhaya: Arabic film, starring Khaled Zaki, Dalal Abdul Aziz and Mahmoud Masoud.
6.00 Variety
6.30 Night Chemists,



Dalal Abdul Aziz in 'La Waqt Lil Dhaya,' Arabic film on KTV1 at 4.00 pm today.

Airlines and Official announcements
7.00 Hikayat Al Asmi: Historical serial, starring Rasheed Alama, Neda Al Sabeq
8.00 Nadwat Al Osboos: Local programme
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Ana Wa Inta Wa Baba Fi Al Mishmish.

Arabic serial (Part 7)
10.30 Ahmar Shafayef: Arabic feature film, starring Najeb Al Rehani, Samya Jamal
12.15 News Summary
12.20 The World Today via Satellite
12.45 Holy Quran and Cutdown

KTV 2

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 Amigo and The Friends: Cartoon serial
6.30 Captain Power: 'Retribution' (Part 2). Dread keeps his forces under his control to attack Captain Power's forces.
7.00 Gone Fishing: 'New Zealand Rainbow Trout'. A look at the world's most popular recreational sport. Types of fish, where to find it, how to get there.
7.30 The New Adventures of Beans Baxter: 'Beans Goes To Camp'. A nuclear warhead is stolen by the gang of Soe. Beans has to find it.
8.00 News in English
8.30 A Different World: 'Gentlemen of Hillman'. Ron and Dwayne participate in preparing a study about time. Dwayne shows much interest while Ron remains indifferent.
9.00 Horizon: 'Perils Of The Deep'. Dangers of diving and difficulties. The relation between depth and need for more oxygen and breathing.
10.00 Hooperman: 'The Dating Game'. Hooperman is unable to find a girlfriend to share his life.
10.30 L.A. Law: 'Victor Victorious'. Owen has to face a lawyer regarding racial discrimination. Victor has a love affair with a TV woman-director.
11.30 News in Brief
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite and Cutdown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.
Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.
Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.
Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts—rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

SOCIAL

Farewell party
SEPT 1 (Friday): The Bangladesh Association will organise a farewell function for the Economic Counsellor Abdur Rabb Khan at 7 pm at the Bangladesh embassy premises. Bangladeshis are requested to contact for details with following persons: Moaz 4310970, Yusuf 4314193, Maksudur Rahman 4881595, Mozammel Haque 2551312, Ashraf Islam 4836235 and Abdur Rob 4316823.

People's Art Circle
A MEETING was held at Dr Riaz A. Mahesar's president Pakistan People's Club, residence to form a committee to organise musical shows and dramas. As per Rafiq A Mirza, general secretary Pakistan Peoples Club, People's Art Circle is formed and is headed by Yakub Pasha with the following committee members, Salman Shah, Ustman Manzoor-ul-Hassan, Samie Sami, Syed Zafar, Mohd Musa Blouch, Qamar Pervez and Agha Saad.

Syndicate live
SEPT 15: In a rare spirit of camaraderie, two leading Goan organisations in Kuwait, the Weekend Club and Kuwait Goans, will jointly host 'Syndicate Live', a musical extravaganza, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium, featuring Goan's one and only, The Syndicate, with Kuwait's Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers and Stepping Stones with a host of

local artists. Watch out for booking plans.

Kalpak exhibition

SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone Nos: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

Melody Night '89

AN evening of popular Indian music by local stars from 6.30 pm to 10 pm on Friday 8th Sept '89 at the Sharq Co-op. Society Hall. For details contact: Tel: 5640389 between 3.00 pm and 10.00 pm or Al Bahar Video, Tel: 5615730.

Filchess chess

SEPT 26: The Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filchess) invites all Filipino Chess enthusiasts to join the first 'Active Chess Tournament'.

Attractive prizes await the lucky winners. Entry forms are available at Kabayan Restaurant. Deadline for submission of entries is Sept 15. For more details contact Edward Racaza (2421868, 2402405), Chito (2443961) or Jun (2409630).

Breeze '89

OCT 26: Tivim Centre's 'Breeze '89' is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information pls contact the organisers, Casmiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.

British Council

THE British Council presents 'Briefing on Britain' a special video presentation for students who are going to Britain this autumn for higher education. Will this be your first experience of studying in Britain? If so, and if you would like to participate in complimentary briefing sessions please telephone us to find out more details. Contact Kate Harries, Education Adviser, Tel. 2515512/253 3204/253 3227.

Star Nite

DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dira' with Perfect Strangers music. Children entry KD.3/- from 2 1/2 years to 12 years. Others KD.4/- with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and

variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tele. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

Flassik's contest

FINAL preparations are now under way for the ultimate singing contest in Kuwait held for the Filipino population in this Gulf state.

Flassik president Grace Fe N. Covarrubias announced that auditions are held at the Far East Restaurant on Fridays, August 18 and 25 and 11 am and 4 pm and on Sundays August 13, 20 and 27 at 5 pm. Participants are encouraged to bring their music tapes.

Last Friday's auditions yielded a bevy of song lovers who will vie for valuable prizes during the contest slated for Friday September 1, at 4 pm, at the Meridian Hotel.

For more particulars, kindly contact the following Flassik officers: Chary Nepomuceno Tel. 5624509, Rose Formantes: 4843601, Malon Tadana: 4881358, Esther Madamba: 5312700 ext 4231, Marilyn Inductivo: 3940600 ext. 2230 & 4521 and other Flassik officers or the event vice-chairman Al Castro of Martin Marietta Data Systems.

D'Assissel Association

OCTOBER 6: Ninth annual Thanksgiving mass will be held at the Holy Family Cathedral at 8 am followed by a get-together after mass. All D'Assissel ex-students along with their families and friends are invited.

For more details contact: 2444379 or 2469811.

Konkani drama

NOVEMBER 2, 3: The new GOA presents M. Boyer's 'Chintnam Zallim Sopnam' at the IAC (Funaites). Cast includes the Charlie Chaplin of Goa 'Jacinto Vaz' along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. For tickets contact Canary Video (Sharq) or Video Club (near GPO).

FILM

British Council
CHILDRENS film: The Little Prince-For the Love of Animals on Wednesday, Aug 30 at 6.00 pm and Thursday, Aug 31 at 10.30 pm.

An enchanting animated adaptation of the classical tale by Antoine de Saint Exupery. Join the little prince as he catches a flaming comet for a ride down to his favourite planet earth (running time 50 mins). Admission is free, but it is advisable to book seats in advance. Tel: 2515512/2533204/2533227.

HOTELS

At the Pullman Hotel

AL Shallal coffee shop: Offers daily businessman's lunch 'autour d'un plat' at a reasonable price. Serves Arabic and international dishes. Live music nightly from 7.30 pm.

Les Elysee Restaurant: Experience the ambiance of French seating and meticulous service while savouring authentic French food offered on our 'menu degustation', a four course meal served with a touch of nouvelle cuisine. For reservations, call: 5634200

At the SAS hotel

AL GHAZEER: SAS hotel's very own handcrafted dhaw. Available for half day or whole day trip along the Gulf coastline. Food, beverages and fishing tackle provided on board. For booking, call 5657000 ext 416.

AL BOOM: Dine on charcoal grilled foods and finish off with della coffee. Open for dinner daily, lunch every Thursday and Friday and for reservation call 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

PEACOCK ROOM: Chinese specialities served in a very cozy atmosphere. Open for lunch and dinner. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 532.

EEDAM: Wide varieties of delectable home-made goodies, freshly baked items to choose from. Eedam daily specials also available.

CLOCK: Only drive-in restaurant in Kuwait. Serves wide selections of fast food including our very own specialities.

At the Kuwait International

LA PALMA: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Ext 8166.

Faillaka: Rooftop restaurant overlooking Kuwait's picturesque coastline. Offers international cuisine and elegant surroundings. Live entertainment during dinner. Closed on Friday. Ext. 8012.

Garden Pool: Relax and enjoy our poolside barbecue event every Friday afternoon.

La Patisserie: Offers an extensive selection of pastries, oven fresh bread, savouries, exotic juices and ice creams. Also serves Continental breakfast. Pianist in the evenings.

At the Kuwait Plaza hotel

SPECIAL breakfast: Al-Dallah coffee shop features the breakfast you like most. Full buffet of all kind of delicious dishes to be savoured by you. Eat as much as you can and whatever dish you fancy for only KD.995 only.

Special lunch and dinner: Also at Al Dallah coffee shop the buffet for lunch and dinner full of varieties of continental, oriental and Arabic food with Plaza special touch plus delectable sweets and fruits of the season. All these and more for only KD2.995.

Roman nights: The Italian restaurant in the heart of Kuwait takes you to the heart of Rome. Enjoy our exotic Italian specialities and our wide variety of Italian dishes with the music of our resident duo Stan and Alice.

SPORTS

Unity nets

SEPT 1, (Friday): The Unity Cricketers will have their net practise at the Ahmadi grounds from 4.30 pm onwards. Unity players and newcomers wishing to play in the forthcoming 1989/90 cricket season are requested to be present. A meeting will be held after the practise session.

IAC badminton

SEPT 7, Indian Arts Circle (IAC) will organise a badminton tournament open to all Indians in Kuwait. All those wishing to participate are requested to contact the organising committee for further information and entry forms: Contact IAC office Tel. 3904817 (6.30 to 10.30 pm); F.K. Koshy: Tel. 3985278 or 3913076; Vijay Sharma, Tel. 2401534 or 2644863; Philip Cherian: Tel. 4741946 or 4330041. The last date for entry is Sept 2.

Unity Thursday League

TEAMS wishing to play in the Unity Thursday League at Ahmadi are kindly requested to contact Abdulla Mohammed (Tel: 39895456) or Denzil Meneses (Tel: 3989671) after 4.30 pm for more details. Closing date for entries on Sept 10.

All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Eversis Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Mejal Pharmacy
Abdulla Al Mubarak Street,
Al Mejal Building
Al Baqami Pharmacy
Ahmad Al Jaber Street, Al Sharq Square, Al Raed Building
Nugra and Hawalli
Al Qatan Pharmacy
Nugra, Al Othman Street, Property of The Supply House
Sabaiya and Rumaitiya
Al Nahda Pharmacy
Baghdad Street, Property of Al Sane
Fahabael and Ahmadi
Al Flaji Pharmacy
Fahabael, Makkah Street, Near the Safeway
Jeeb Al Shoyoukh
Wahran Pharmacy
Souq Street, Block No. 14
Jahra
Al Khaled Pharmacy
Opposite to Jahra Co-Op

BBC highlights

Churchill at war

WINSTON Churchill was one of this century's outstanding figures. The greatest time of his political career spanned the years of World War II and in this new ten-part series Martin Gilbert, Churchill's official biographer, talks to Michael Diamond about the period which saw Churchill at the centre of things. The first programme is called The Gathering Storm and with the help of material drawn from Churchill's memoirs it traces the main events of the 1930s which led to the outbreak of war, to be broadcast of Sept 1, Friday at 10.30 and 3.15 pm.

Learning to play

Many years ago George Macpherson taught himself the flute from a book when he was in the Royal Air Force. Three years ago he started having flute lessons and is now working to achieve the top grade, VIII. In the first of a new series of six programmes which stresses that it is never too late to learn an instrument he talks to Dr Peter Fenwick from the Institute of Psychiatry about the difficulties adults have in learning to play an instrument, to be broadcast today at 2.30 pm and 9.30 pm.

Science in action

India is the venue for this week's programme. BBC producer Martin Redfern currently on a duty tour there reports on science, technology and medical research on the sub-continent, to be broadcast on Sept 1, Friday at 7.15 pm and 11.30 pm; Sept 4, Monday at 5.30 am.



Biman-BA sign agreement

BANGLADESH and Britain have signed an agreement for the expansion of air services between the two countries.

A memorandum of understanding was signed in this regard by M.G. Kibria, joint secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism and Gavin N. Lod of ministry of Transport of United Kingdom

in Dhaka at Biman head office.

Under the agreement Biman will operate a fourth weekly DC-10 flight to London while British Airways will operate a third B-747 flight to Dhaka.

The two airlines will also exercise fifth freedom traffic rights to and from intermediate points.

Whitbread Round the World yacht race

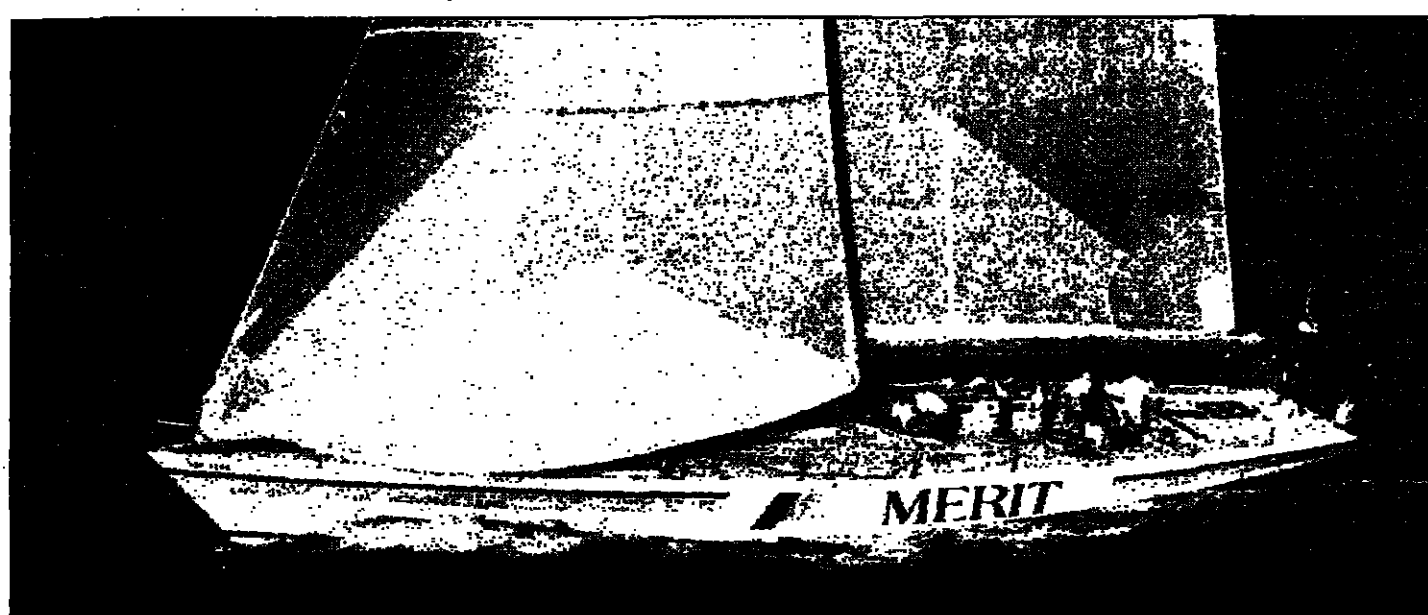
THE round the world sailing race organised every four years by British brewers Whitbread, in association with the Royal Naval Sailing Association, is about to start once again.

Having converged on the port of Southampton, the first leg of this prestigious adventure will start from the water of the Solent, between the south coast of England and the Isle of Wight on Sept 2, 1989 at 12.15 local time.

The Whitbread Round the World Race is in fact, together with the America Cup, one of the main events in the yachting world. Everything about this race is the biggest and the best, whether it's the size of the course, the number of competitors and the truly international participation or even the wealth of monies invested.

The gap of four years between each competition is today scarcely long enough to allow the projects to be set in motion. Arranging complex tasks such as carrying out studies, building boats, putting the finishing touches to them, selecting and training teams as well as financing the whole thing nowadays demands as much energy on the part of skippers as the race itself.

There is an unrivalled level of participation for the 1989-90



A Merit yacht during practice

trophy. 16 nations are represented 28 yachts are entered in the race 14 of these are maxi yachts Competing over a 6 leg race of 33,000 nautical miles which, during almost 9 months, will take the sailors across nearly all the oceans of the globe.

Once again there is the paradoxical presence of a Swiss yacht amongst all these seafar-

ing nations. It's far from being the least important, since it's captained by Pierre Fehlmann, at the helm of Merit, who is defending the title of being the fastest yacht around the world during the last edition.

What are the chances for Merit and its Swiss team? Quoted as one of the favourites by the English bookies, Merit

has undergone rigorous preparation during over 2 years' sailing. It has won almost all the races it has competed in its category, and has just undergone a period of refitting and minor modifications in England during the last two months. Certainly numerous yachts with a disturbing turn of speed have put to sea more recently, such as the New

Zealand ketches and Laurie Smith's British maxi yacht.

All the skippers are very experienced, and except for the perils of the sea and damage, it will be a fight to the bitter end.

The psychological stamina of the teams will be just as much of a determining factor as their physical condition.



Health seminar

Bharathi Kalai Mandram, an association of Tamil-speaking nationals from Madras, India, arranged a story narrating contest for the children on August 25, this was followed by a 'Healthy Nutrition'. A panel of doctors from different specialities answered questions and explained various aspects of health and diseases in simple language. Picture above is a view of the health seminar.

PRAYERS

Fajr 4.01 am
Zuhr 11.49
Asr 3.22 pm
Maghreb 6.13
Isha 7.33

Dear Junior Readers,

Going back to school is more fun than you can imagine! Even though you have to wake up very early, the benefits of learning pay off generously in the end.

You learn the strange wonders of life, the way history forced man to gain experience, the way the world is constantly developing. You learn how to protect yourself from different diseases and how to help prevent pollution. You learn how to think logically and work out problems which will help you when you go the shopping centres and supermarkets. You learn about music and

the wonders of musicians. There are so many things you can learn and the more you discover, the wiser you become.

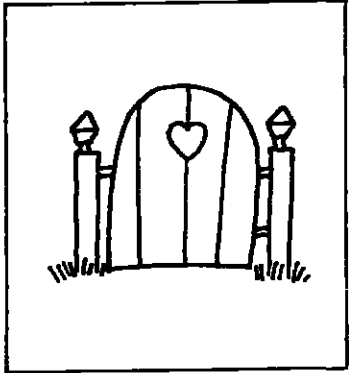
This week JUNIOR TIMES has included some reminders of skills you may have forgotten (look for the multiplication and addition tables).

We are also waiting to hear about your first day at school and about the new friends you make.

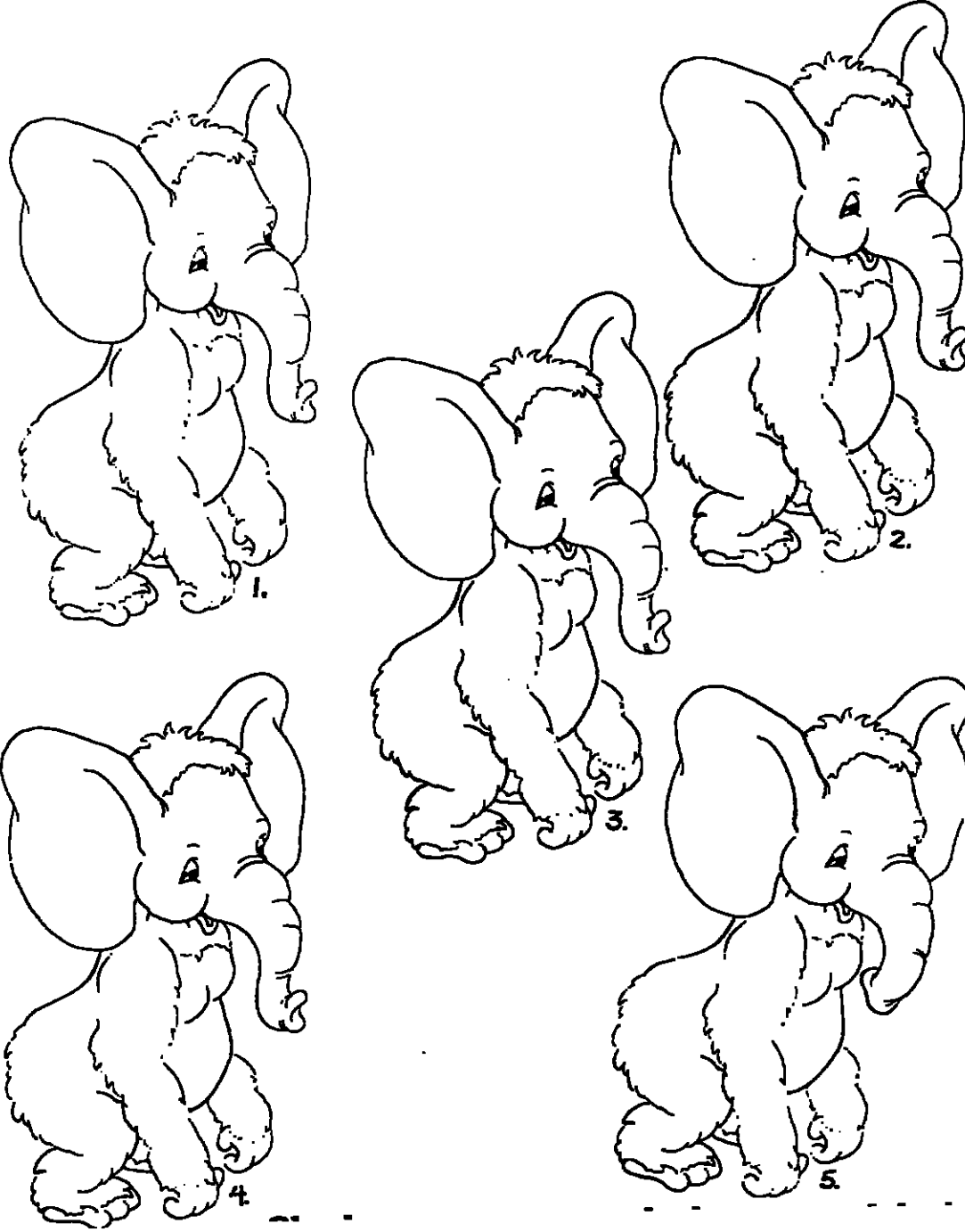
Manal.

Beginning sounds

Look at the picture in the box. What is it? Colour in the rest of the pictures which begin with the same sound.



Which ELEPHONKEY is different?



ANNIVERSARY
BABY SHOWER
BACHELOR
BIRTHDAY
BON VOYAGE
BRIDAL
COCKTAIL
EASTER
GARDEN
GRADUATION

HALLOWEEN
LAWN
NEW YEAR
OFFICE
PAJAMA
PROM
RETIREMENT
REUNION
STAG
VALENTINE

HAVE A PARTY

C O C K T A I L N N R R B
N N O N P O R A E E E P B
N N O R W E E D T T T A A
E E O I T A R I I I B J J
E M N S T A L R R Y O A E
W W A O G A E B S A N M N
O E E N I M U H D D V A I
L F F E E N O D S H O O T
L L F N W W U U A T Y Y N
A T T I E Y Y E E R A A E
H H R R C C E E R I G G L
R R R O L E H C A B E E A
A N N I V E R S A R Y Y V

Poem

The ABC

'Twas midnight in the schoolroom
And every desk was shut,
When suddenly from the alphabet
Was heard a loud "Tut-tut!"

Said A to B, "I don't like C;
His manners are a lack.
For all I ever see of C
Is a semicircular back!"

"I disagree," said D to B.
"I've never found C so
From where I stand, he seems to be
An uncompleted O."

C was vexed, "I'm much perplexed,
You criticize my shape.
I'm made like that, to help spell Cat
And Cow and Cool and Cape."

"He's right," said E; said F, "Whoopee!"

Said G, "Ip, 'ip, 'ooray!"
"You're dropping me," roared H to G.
"Don't do it please, I pray!"

"Out of my way," LL said to K.
"I'll make poor I look ILL."
To stop this stunt, J stood in front,
And presto! ILL was JILL.

"U know," said V, "that W
Is twice the age of me,
For as a Roman V is five
I'm half as young as he."

X and Y yawned sleepily,
"Look at the time!" they said.
They all jumped in to beddy byes
And the last one in was Z!

Spike Milligan.

"AP" Words

Directions: put a letter in each blank to form the words which fit the definitions below.

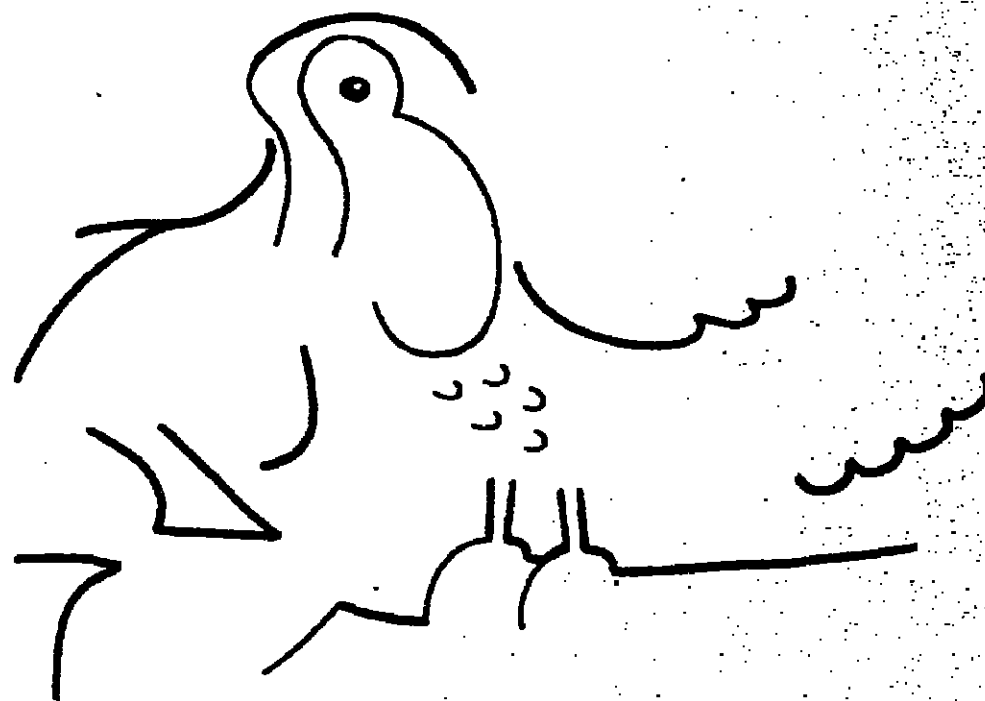
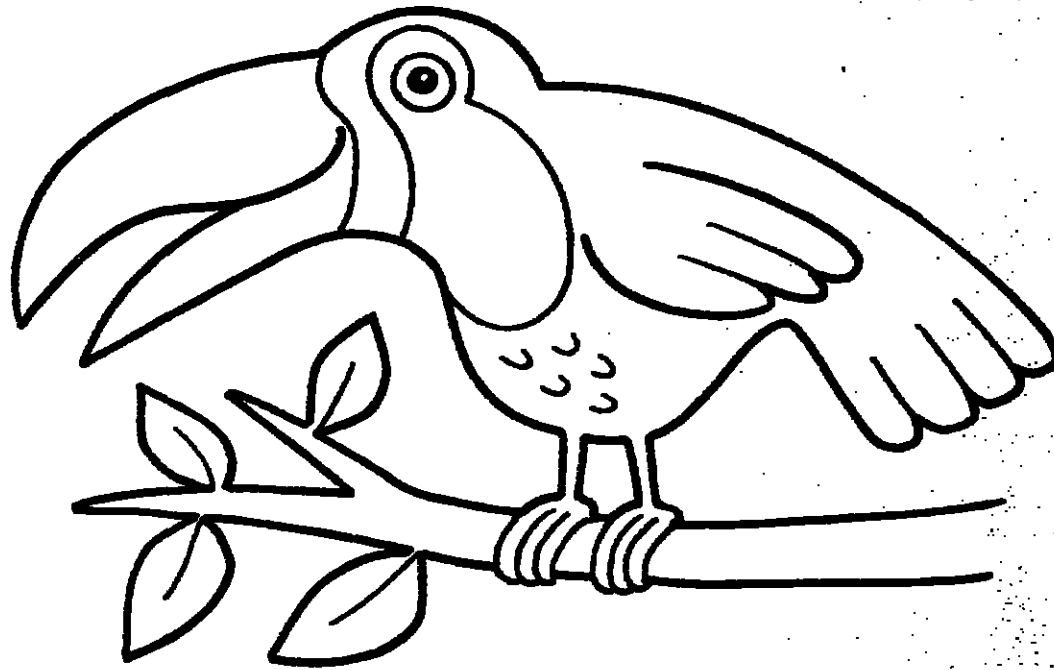
1. A P _ _ _
2. _ _ A P
3. _ A P _ _
4. _ A P _ _
5. _ _ A P _ _ _
6. _ A P
7. A P _

Definitions:

1. The fourth month.
2. When you put paper on a present, you _____ it.
3. When you are smiling, you are _____.
4. What you write on.
5. What you call the sections of a book.
6. What you wear on your head.
7. A big monkey.

Draw and colour

Draw the picture below identical to the picture drawn above. Then colour in both pictures with lovely bright colours.



هكذا من الرسم

Are you ready for school?

Test your mathematical skills by filling in the tables below. The top is addition and the bottom is multiplication.

See how long it takes to fill in each table and compare the time taken and the results with your friends.

Addition

+	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0										
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										
7										
8										
9										

Multiplication

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0										
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										
7										
8										
9										

Birthday coupon

Is your birthday to come soon?
Are you a regular reader of the Junior Times?
Well, now is the chance to let your friends know that it is your birthday!
Or maybe you would like to surprise your best friend, brother or sister by putting their picture in for them.
The details we need are:

Name: _____
Date of birth: _____
School: _____
Hobbies: _____
Telephone: _____
(confidential)

Your favourite most recent picture (4x6)

Send to:
ARAB TIMES
Junior Times
P.O. Box 2270
13023, Safat, Kuwait
To avoid belated greetings please send within a week before the special date

Going to school

Are you going to school for the first time? You must be really excited. Send the coupon to us and celebrate your first day at school with all of your fellow readers. Just fill in the information required and the address is as always!

Name: _____
Nationality: _____
Age: _____
School: _____
What you want to be when you grow up: _____
Telephone number: _____
(Confidential)

Favourite 4x6 photograph

ARAB TIMES
Junior Times
P.O. Box 2270
13023, Safat, Kuwait

Make sure you get all the rest as well as all the exercise you should have. Do not spend on the spur of the moment. Do not allow others to persuade you to do something against your better judgment. Be sensible.

ARAB TIMES Classifieds

LOST

PASSPORT, No DO66096 in the name of Mohammad Abque son of Mohammad Shafique, Pakistani. Finder please Tele Anwar 2445392 (AT3-49300-2)

ACCOMMODATION

Available

HAWALLI, Tunis Street, one room. CAC, fully furnished with separate bath & tele facilities for a Pakistani bachelor. Bus routes 18, 45, 506. Tele Pervaz, 2400900 Ext 23118 - 10 am, 2629160, after 7:30 pm (AT4-49033-3)

KUWAIT city near the GPO. Sharing accommodation in a CAC apartment for a couple or executive bachelors from 1st September. Tele. 2406332 and leave message on answering machine. (AT2-Mos-HU-3)

RASSALMIYA near the Marzouk Pearl Hotel. Sharing accommodation in a 2-bedroom flat. Furnished for 1 or 2 persons from 1st September. Tele. 5723573 (AT4-AKN-HU-3)

SALMIYA, behind Youth Hostel, Mugra Street. One room for a couple or spinners to share with a family. Bus routes: 14, 15, 19, 109, 505. Tele. 5654076 after 7:30 pm. (AT3-48994-3)

SALMIYA, near the Indian School. Small room, furnished with kitchen and tele facilities for a single lady. Rent KD45. Tele. 5654307, after 2 pm. (AT3-48996-3)

SALMIYA, Hamad Al Mubarak Street, near Co-operative Store. 2 spacious rooms for a couple or working ladies. Tele. Sonia, 2468307, 9 am - 1 pm, 4:30 - 9 pm. (AT3-IS-HU-3)

KUWAIT City, behind the Sharq Fire Station, one room for one or two bachelors. Tele. 2407611, 7 - 10 pm. (AT3-49008-3)

REQUIRED Europeans to share a furnished villa in Salwa. Tel. 4717911 Ext 233, 9013310. (AT1-48957-3)

FOR SALE

Boats

GLASS fibre boat Shetland, 16ft with trailer, made in England, brand new for sale. Tele. 2414720. (AT4-49038-6)

Cars

TOYOTA Cressida '82, metallic grey, automatic, AC insured up to June 1990 for immediate sale. KD800. Tele. 4830020, 9:30 am - 12 noon, 2441723, 4 - 7 pm. (AT3-49002-3)

MERCEDES 280S 1984, offwhite, with grey interior, full options, in excellent condition. Highest offer. Tele. 5744017/8 (AT4-49042-3)

MITSUBISHI Super Saloon '87, fully automatic, 4 doors, white, insured upto Feb 1990 in excellent condition. KD1,800. Tele. 5628517, before 7:30 am and after 5 pm. (AT4-49021-2)

CITROEN BX16, 1986, automatic with AC, in very good condition. Tele. 5331100. (AT3-48992-3)

CHRYSLER Le Baron, 1984, red exterior, grey interior, 4 doors, sunroof, AC, fully automatic, 63,000 kms, insured up to March 1990, in very good condition. KD1200, KD200 down payment, 49 per month for 24 months. Tele. 2407677. (AT3-49006-3)

MITSUBISHI Colt, 1986, 4 doors, AC, blue, automatic, 34,000 kms, insured up to Dec 1989 in very good condition. KD1100, KD100 down payment, 49 per month for 24 months. Tele. 5653952. (AT3-49007-3)

OLDSMOBILE 98 Regency Brougham 1985, fully automatic with AC, in very good condition. Tele. 5331100. (AT3-48991-3)

HONDA Prelude 83, AC, automatic, white, 140,000 kms, with new tyres, engine and axles, in excellent condition, KD850 cash on hand. Tele. Schall, 5728756, 4 - 8 pm. (AT4-49012-3)

MERCEDES 560SEC, registered Oct 88, charcoal-grey, interior grey leather, 15,000 kms, power seats (memory), sun-roof, air-bag, ABS, climate control, Becker Mexico, hydraulic levelling, plus more, in showroom condition, agent maintained, one owner, leaving. Tele. 2533000 ext. 4759, after 5 pm, 2437747, 8:30 am - 1 pm. (AT4-49027-3)

Miscellaneous

MUST sell AC, TV, video, fridge, cupboard, settee etc. AC KD35, video KD80, Tele. Tommy, 5638842, 8 am - 9 pm. (AT4-49009-3)

COMPUTER Appricot F1E, microvitec cub553 colour monitor, Epson LX80 printer very little used, Video camera JVC GX88E good working condition, low price. Tele. 4830118, 8 am - 1 pm, 4866596 Res. after 2 pm. (AT3-48995-3)

ITALIAN sofa set, 7 pieces with corner, beige and brown colour at throwaway prices. KD135. Tele. 5652378, 8 - 11 am, 4 - 6 pm. (AT4-49029-3)

GERMAN made wheelchair, springy used with accessories. Price KD200 on hand. Tele. 2412433, 9 am - 2 pm, 5 - 10 pm. (AT4-49028-3)

SOFA sets, 4 pcs, Italian cupboards, dressing table, show-cases, cradle and Slendertone slimming exercise machine. Tele. 4675622 ext. 223, 7 am - 3 pm. (AT4-49022-2)

FOR RENT

Villas, half villas, flats, complete buildings, offices in all areas in Kuwait with or without swimming pool

Qatar Real Estate
Tel. 2406592, 2406593

AL FARAS AL THAHABIA
Car rental
KD5 per day
Special fares for contracts and companies
Model: 1989 cars.
Tel: 2642715, 2642716.

VACANT
Wanted a professional tailor
Arabic and English speaking
Saleswoman with pleasant personality. Please phone 2431604.
Ganadeer Fashion, Sathiya Complex

REQUIRED
Female or male
TAILORS
Indian or Filipino with good experience
Tel: 5628700/206, morning, from 7:30 - 1 pm, 5631092, after 9 pm.

REQUIRED
ELECTRICIANS
with 3 to 5 years experience in domestic wiring.
Please call 5515480/1/2, between 7 am and 2 pm, for an interview.

MARKET PLACE

BAR 8 IKEA stools, cutlery, crockery, and assorted plants. Tele. 2524103, 10 am - 2 pm. (AT3-48998-2)

DISHWASHER/fridge/cooker, KD170; carpet/sofa set, 5 pcs. KD250; flat, elegant building in Farwaniya. Rent KD210. Tele. 4749611, 2402540, 1 - 4 pm and after 8 pm. (AT2-48998-3)

SERVICES

Transport

AVAILABLE for children from Abbasiya to the New Indian School, Jabriya. Also for the ministry, bank and office timings in the morning and afternoon from Abbasiya to Shuwaikh and surrounding areas. Tel. 4317059. (AT4-49030-3)

REQUIRED at 12:30 pm from office at Shuwaikh near the Arab Times to Hassawi near the cinema and back to office at 4 pm. Tele. Thomas, 4840458, 4819798, 8 am - 12:30 pm, 4 - 7 pm. (AT4-49040-2)

REQUIRED for children from Jabriya opp. co-operative society to Surra English School and return daily, Saturday to Wednesday 7:30 am and 1 pm. Tele. Mr. Butani, 4310163 Off. 5317473 Res. (AT4-48993-3)

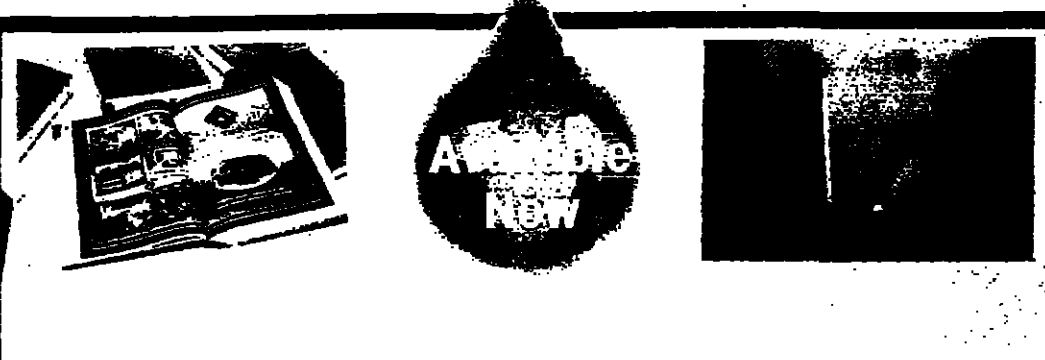
Baby Sitting

AVAILABLE with an Indian lady from morning to evening, opp. Palestine embassy, behind Tunis Street, near "Canary." Tele. 2667347, 2 - 8 pm. (AT3-48987-3)

MOTHERLY care available with a good experienced Indian lady in Yarmouk, close to Modern School. Tele. Mrs D'Souza, 2425472, 3 - 9 pm. (AT4-49035-3)

Required immediately
Typist/secretary
with good experience in English and Arabic and knowledge of word processing to work in office. The candidate must have driving licence and transferable residence. Call Mr. Berger or Mr. Shalabi. Tel. 5518132, 8 am - 1:30 pm, 3:30 - 6:30 pm or write to P.O. Box 4021, 13041 Safat, Kuwait.

WANTED
Radio technicians
Wanted for maintenance of Mobile Radio telephone and various type of radio equipment fixed and base station and capable of climbing up to 280 feet Radio tower — with or without driving licence.
Contact: 3984233, 3984234



The Arabian Year Book 1989

Contains names, addresses, and telephone numbers of companies, organizations, and individuals in the following countries: Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, and Yemen.

General information on the countries listed.
General information on each country with lists containing the names and addresses of companies, arranged in alphabetical order, and a special section listing the activities, indexed according to the commercial line of business.
Who's Who Section — includes names & addresses of owners and managers of companies and establishments in the above-mentioned countries.
World Suppliers Section — enlisting foreign manufacturers/suppliers with their products and services.

BOOK ORDER FORM:

For your copies, kindly fill up this coupon and mail it to the following address:

P.O. Box 42480 Shuwaikh 70655 Kuwait
Tel: 2418730, Telex: 46725, Fax: 2468955

Please send _____ copy/copies of the Arabian Year Book 1989
Edition at the price of KD25/- per copy.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Date: _____

AVAILABLE from Juleeb Al Shiyyokh to Kuwait City, at 8 am and 6 pm. Tele. 2435061. (AT3-48997-3)

AVAILABLE in Salwa near the Carmel School. Tele. 5617941. (AT3-48986-2)

AVAILABLE with a Goan family in Hawalli, near Dr Nawgiri's chamber. Tele. Joe, 2658978. (AT4-49037-3)

AVAILABLE from Salmiya near the Indian School to Shuwaikh from 1st September, 6:30 am - 1:30 pm. Tele. Abu Zohar, 5638951, 2 - 4:30 pm. (AT2-48976-3)

Tuition

MATHEMATICS, Physics and Chemistry from IX to XII and O and A level given by an experienced MSC teacher. 3 days a week at Juleeb Al Shiyyokh. Tele. 4344183, 7 am - 1 pm, 4330416, after 1 pm. (AT4-49039-3)

KINDERGARTEN/nursery for pre-school of 2-1/2 years old and above given by an experienced graduate teacher in Fahahel near the Indian School. Tele. 3925547. (AT4-49032-3)

EXCELLENT pre-school training for ages 2 1/2 - 4 years given by a qualified teacher in Shaab area. Tele. 2562865, (F) after 5 pm. (AT3-48905-3)

KINDERGARTEN and pre-school training available in Salmiya near the Indian School, opp the Ede Store. Tele. Sartia Dhir, 5618863. (AT3-NA-HU-3)

SITUATIONS

Wanted

MAID, Sri Lankan with good experience, seeks live-in job with an English family and accommodation for husband. Tele. 4893505, 10 am - 1 pm, 6:9 pm. (AT3-49003-3)

ELECTRICAL engineer, Indian, 9 years power projects experience, presently with Swiss consulting firm, available for immediate employment. Tele. 5624111, Room 910, and leave message. (AT3-49001-3)

Vacant

MAID required for a small family without children. Part-time. Tele. 5611239, Res. (AT2-48983-3)

MAID required, Filipino, to live-in in Shaab. Must speak English and know cooking. Tele. 2636996. (AT3-48989-3)

MAID required for a small family, full-time, to live-in. Knowledge of English is must. Tele. Mr. Hashem, 533692, 5 - 10 pm. (AT2-HU-3)

FOR RENT
A part of villa in Mishref. Excellent location, close to all services. Consists of two spacious bedrooms, a saloon, two bathrooms, a kitchen, central A/C, cooling/heating. Monthly rent, KD 275 inclusive of electricity and water. Tel. 2400040, 5390618

WANTED
British or American
Nursery teacher or aides
for English Playgroup to start now
Favourable working conditions!
TEL: 2428160

REQUIRE NOW
FULL TIME SECRETARY
Qualified in typing or word processing with transferable residence. Also: **TRANSLATORS** for different languages. Apply with bio-data, address and phone no. to Admin. Manager, P.O. Box 25755 Safat, Code 13188.

FOR RENT
Big villas, small villas, half villas, big flats with swimming pool & stores in all areas in Kuwait.
Messiah Beach Real Estate
2401858 - 2408510

Fidelity International performance portfolio
UK fund
+ 28.9%
1.88 to 1.88
1% extra allocation of units on investments over US\$10,000 with
OCEAN SECURITIES
Tel: 5386444
"Part of the community, not just a broker"

GOOD NEWS TAXI
Opening a branch in Abu Halifa
AL SAADAH TAXI
TEL: 3728855, 3721116

FOR RENT
Villas, half villas and flats with swimming pool
Tel: 2401906 - 2407677
2403260
The All Real Estate

AL KHADRA REAL ESTATE OFFICE
(UNDER BRITISH MANAGEMENT)
FOR RENT
SAWA: Ground floor of building, near Gulf English School. Entrance hall, dining room, saloon, three bedrooms, three bathrooms, maid's room, garden. KD400 incl. E&W
Also in the same building: Two bedroom flat, large lounge/dining area, two baths, H/F. KD230 incl. E&W
Two three bedroom flats nr. Universal American School. KD300 incl. E&W
Villa 3 beds, 3 baths, nice garden. KD600 incl. E&W
Many other villas & flats throughout Kuwait. Ring Ken Winston for appointments to view. Tel. 5740258/7, 5757239 ext. 263 or 5625316.

WANTED SHIPPING ASSISTANT
With very good experience in documentation for container and general cargo vessels.
Please apply in confidence with full details to:
P.O. Box 20637, Safat, 13067, Kuwait

ARAB TIMES

CLASSIFIEDS COUPON

2 insertions KD 4. Three insertions KD 5

Conditions:

1. Advertisements may be mailed in only on this coupon, or preferably, completed at the Arab Times office between 8:30 a.m. — 1 p.m. and 4:30 — 6 p.m.
2. To complete the coupon, follow the sequence of the information given in above printed advertisements, for desired section heading. All advertisements will be printed according to Arab Times format and are subject to editing.
3. Advertisements must not exceed 25 words including name and telephone number.
4. Text must be typed or clearly printed. No alterations or cancellations will be made after publication.
5. Advertisements of personal nature involving business transactions will not be accepted, nor any matrimonial advertisements.
6. The Arab Times is not responsible for postal delays.

Section heading _____

Sender's Name _____
Address _____

Telephone _____

Coupons and payment must be mailed to:
ARAB TIMES CLASSIFIEDS
P.O. BOX: 2270
13023 SAFAT KUWAIT.

شركة النقيب وخضار
Al-Naqeeb & Khattar Co. W.L.L.
Packing and airfreighting of your personal effects
FREE ESTIMATE
484-6009




Door to door... Oh dear! I should have called Alghanim...

No one does it better. The biggest IATA freight agent in Kuwait.

Alghanim
Sea-Freight-Air Packing
Fahahel 393496/8 - Sharq 2460972/3
Murgab 2412595/841681

Customer Services Tel: **4745533**

Alternative supply of Carmel School uniforms
Now available at BHASIN CO. W.L.L.



FROCKS FOR:	
SMALL KD.3.250	MED 3.500
LARGE 4.500	XLARGE 5.500
XXLARGE 6.500	OUT SIZES 7.500

MATERIAL
KD 1.500 P/MTR
LT. BLUE SHIRT/BLOUSE
AT KD 1.750
(BOYS TROUSERS KD. 1.500)

AL MUTAWA BLDG., BEHIND SOUK AL KABEER
TEL NOS: 2433552 - 2435301

SPORTS

Lendl fights back to beat Pernfors

JERICHO, N.Y., Aug. 28. (Reuters) — Ivan Lendl rallied to beat unseeded Mikael Pernfors of Sweden 4-6 6-2 6-4 and win the Hamlet Challenge Cup tennis tournament yesterday.

Lendl made numerous unforced errors throughout the match, most of them in the first set. The three-time US Open champion insisted he was concerned with his inconsistent play

leading up to the Open which begins this week. "He played the best against me since I beat him in the French Open final two years ago," said Lendl, the top-ranked player in the world. "I didn't anticipate anything in this match. I was out to have fun and get ready for the Open."

"I'm still not concerned about my game and my chances in the Open," said Lendl, who won

the US Open in 1985-86-7.

Pernfors, ranked 25th, won the opening set after breaking Lendl to open the match and again to reach a 5-2 lead.

Lendl suddenly took control at 3-0 in the second set. He ran off seven straight games, losing only 11 points, won the second set and led 3-0 in the third.

Pernfors, down 0-30 in the fourth game of the last set, came alive again and reached 3-0, aided by more errors by Lendl.

Lendl, who won \$40,000, tightened his game, held service at love and broke Pernfors, who took home a \$20,000 check, in the final game with the loss of one point.

'S. Africa' tennis players to be banned

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Aug. 28. (Reuters) — Tennis players who compete in South Africa will be banned from the Olympics, Games, and the American Olympic Committee (AOC) said yesterday.

The ban, proposed in a unanimous recommendation to the executive board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) by the IOC's apartheid commission, will be ratified by the 92-member IOC later this week.

"Tennis players who play in South Africa will not be able to take part in the Olympic Games," Samaranch told reporters after the opening session of the three-day executive board meeting.

Sam Ramsamy, chairman of the South African Non-racial Olympic Committee (SANROC) and a member of the apartheid commission, said the first victims of the ban would be a group of about six international players who had gone to South Africa last year's Seoul Games.

He said the group included Davis Cup player Brad Gilbert, fellow American Scott Davis and world junior champion Nicholas Pereira of Venezuela. Gilbert and Davis took part in the Seoul tournament.

Among the 30 sports on the summer and winter Olympic programmes, only tennis and gymnastics have maintained regular contact with South Africa. However, yesterday's recommendation made no specific mention of gymnastics.

A motion to bar South Africa from the International Tennis Federation (ITF) is to be tabled at the ITF meeting in Buenos Aires next month. Yesterday's recommendation, called on Samaranch, the IOC president, to convey the IOC's support for the move to ITF president Philippe Chatrier of France.

An ITF ban would be seen as a major addition to the virtual isolation of South Africa from the international sporting arena because of its apartheid policies. The white-ruled republic has been suspended from the Olympic movement since 1970.

Olympic sources said the IOC was keen to endorse the proposed ITF move against South Africa in order to protect the place of tennis in the Olympics.

Tennis was restored to the Games on an experimental basis in Seoul after an absence of 64 years and the IOC expected this week to confirm its permanent place in the Olympic programme.

Meanwhile, an Olympic official said yesterday that the Olympic authorities were likely to accept reluctantly an age limit of 23 for the 1992 Barcelona soccer tournament.

The IOC and the Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA) have been in dispute for more than a year over the eligibility of players taking part in the Barcelona tournament.

FIFA has insisted on an age limit to avoid the risk of the Olympic event becoming a rival to its own, worldwide competition, the World Cup finals.

However, the IOC is concerned that such a restriction would put soccer out of step.

"It's likely that the IOC will accept the decision of FIFA even though we are not very satisfied with it," IOC information director Michele Verdier told a new conference.

But she stressed that the IOC's acceptance would apply only to the 1992 tournament.

She said eligibility commission chairman Willi Dattmeier had advised the IOC executive board that there had been no softening in FIFA's attitude.

This was echoed by FIFA president Joao Havelange, who told reporters: "FIFA directors soccer, not the IOC."

A final decision will be taken by the full IOC session later this week.

Verdier said the executive board would also recommend that demonstration sports be dropped from the Olympics after 1992.

She said such sports had originally been intended simply to allow host cities to promote one or two local traditional sports.

However, this intention had been abused and some sports now saw demonstration or exhibition events as an opportunity to gain full Olympic status.

Navratilova takes title

Sanchez too slow for top-seed



Navratilova poses with a soap stone carving, the trophy for the Canadian Open (Reuters wirephoto)

TORONTO, Aug. 28. (Reuters) — Top-seed Martina Navratilova gave Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario a 70-minute tennis lesson in winning her fourth Canadian Open title with a 6-2 6-2 drubbing of the French Open champion yesterday.

"I just played my match," said Navratilova, who served and volleyed with consummate skill. "She was going to have to hit a lot of passing shots to beat me."

Given the pressure Navratilova was exerting by her consistent and accurate serving, that was a job beyond the ability of the 17-year-old Sanchez-Vicario who was playing in the first hard court final of her professional career.

The 32-year-old Navratilova, a four-time US Open — the Grand Slam title she relinquished to West German Steffi Graf last year.

"I hit a couple of extra second serves in practice. It paid off. I only hit one double fault," said Navratilova, who double faulted twice on break point in her quarter-final match against Japanese qualifier Nana Miyagi.

Sanchez-Vicario broke Navratilova just twice — in the second game of the match when her timing was off and she made four unforced volley errors and in the fourth game of the second set when the gutsy Spaniard briefly found the range for her passing shots.

Afterward, Navratilova had

encouragement for Sanchez-Vicario, a clay court specialist who is working on adjusting to hard courts by adding sting to her serve and learning to volley under pressure.

"Arantxa's got a nice hard serve," Navratilova said, adding that against another player she would be able to use her serve to win a few cheap points.

Looking ahead for the first time to the US Open, Navratilova said playing here was the perfect tune-up because she had to play both baseliners and serve-volleyers.

"I think I worked out all the kinks," she said. "Hopefully, I'll be ready for anything."

Although she was not able to rally for a set down and 5-1 as she had on Saturday against second seeded defending Canadian champion Gabriela Sabatini, Sanchez-Vicario was still pleased with her effort against the premier serve and volleyer in the women's game.

"Always she made great volleys and I can do nothing," Sanchez-Vicario said, adding that she had learned much about hard court play from the match.

"I have to improve more my serve and come more to the net... (but) I'm young so I have a lot of time. A match like this, you learn so I play better next time," she said.

Navratilova won \$60,000 and Sanchez-Vicario \$24,000.

Chile crush Venezuela

MENDOZA, Argentina. (Reuters) — Chile crushed Venezuela 5-0 (half-time 3-0) yesterday to draw level with Brazil at the top of their qualifying group for the 1990 World Cup finals.

But the Chileans, ordered by FIFA to play the home tie in Mendoza, just over the border in Argentina, may regret the chances they missed to increase the score against a weak Venezuelan side.

Chile are now level with Brazil at the top of South American Group Three qualifying group, with five points.

But Brazil, who beat Venezuela 6-0 last week, have the better goal average and a draw against Chile next week in the final group match will see them through to the finals in Italy.

Chile, needing to win by eight goals to overhaul the Brazilian goal difference, got off to a strong start through Letelier who opened the scoring in the 14th minute with a fine right-footed

drive. Letelier added another 20 minutes later after Venezuelan goalkeeper Gomes palmed the striker's cross from the right into the net. Yanez made it three just before half time.

Chile continued to dominate the play in the second half but Gomez, making up for his earlier error, denied them repeatedly with a string of fine saves.

But the goalkeeper was beaten in the 68th when Letelier latched on to a loose ball to drive home from close range.

Midfielder Vera completed the 5-0 scoreline in the 84th minute with a fierce shot from the edge of the area.

Chile were forced to play in Mendoza, 200 miles (320 km) from Santiago, after incidents during an ill-tempered home tie against Brazil on August 13.

And in Asuncion, police rescued the referee from angry Colombian players yesterday

after an injury time penalty gave Paraguay a 2-1 win in their South American Group Two World Cup soccer tie.

Chilean referee Hernan Silva awarded the penalty five minutes into injury time after Colombian goalkeeper Rene Higuita grabbed Rogelio Delgado by the neck as he tried to head the ball.

Silva called on the police after the Colombians surrounded him. Then police cleared the pitch after a scuffle with Colombian players and reporters who came onto the playing area.

Paraguayan goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert converted the penalty to the delight of the 60,000 strong crowd, who earlier had seen Colombia equalise with only three minutes of normal time left.

In Group One Peru were beaten 2-0 at home by Uruguay and now have little chance of qualifying for the next year's finals in Italy.

Karpov and Kasparov remain tied

SKELLEFTEA, Sweden, Aug. 28. (AP) — World chess champion Garry Kasparov and the former titleholder, Anatoly Karpov, drew their games in the 11th round of the chess World Cup yesterday and remained tied in first place with four rounds remaining.

Kasparov and Karpov, both Soviets, have each scored seven points out of possible 11. America's Yasser Seirawan and British grandmaster Nigel Short are tied for third with six and a half points out of 11. A win scores one point and a draw a half-point.

Seirawan, a 29-year-old from Seattle, defeated Ulf Andersson of Sweden to move up, and challenge the leaders.

Karpov drew with the black pieces against Viktor Korchnoi of Switzerland.

The World Cup is a Grand Prix of six tournaments featuring a total prize fund of \$1.2 million.



Frost reacts after getting a birdie on the 17th green. (Reuters wirephoto)

Crenshaw finishes second

Frost wins World Series

AKRON, Ohio, Aug. 28. (Reuters) — David Frost of South Africa parred the second extra hole to beat Ben Crenshaw and win the \$1 million World Series of Golf yesterday.

Frost had a final round of one-under-par 69 on the south course while Crenshaw had a 68 as they tied at four-under-par 276. Payne Stewart bogeyed the 17th and 18th holes to finish in third place at two-under-par 278.

Greg Norman of Australia was alone in fourth place at one-under-par 279 while Mike Reid, the winner last year, and Larry Mize were tied at even-par 280.

The victory was the third of Frost's tour career and was worth \$180,000. It increased his earnings for the year to \$507,159.

Frost and Crenshaw managed routine pars on the first playoff hole. On the second, both drove to the

right, but Crenshaw went into the trees. His second shot stayed in the rough to the right of the green and his pitch came up 12 feet short of the cup.

Frost hit his second shot onto the right fringe and he chipped to within two feet. He made his putt for the par, while Crenshaw missed to lose his seventh playoff. He has yet to win a playoff on tour.

"The most thrilling feeling," Frost said, "is to beat Crenshaw, Stewart and Norman. Those are three of the great players in the world."

Frost said the first course he ever saw in the United States was this one. He came here in 1983 for the World Series, qualifying through the South African PGA Order of Merit.

Crenshaw was disappointed, but "very pleased with what I did this week. I'm proud. I played four times harder than anyone because I kept hitting it in strange places and had to work to make my pars."

King clinches crown

Charles defeats Coody for title

LAKE LANIER ISLANDS, GA., Aug. 28. (Reuters) — Betsy King rode nine birdies and an eagle to a 68 and her sixth title of the year yesterday by capturing the LPGA world championship of golf three strokes ahead of Pat Bradley and Patty Sheehan.

King finished her four rounds with a 13-under-par 275, good for the \$83,500 first place prize. She has now won \$609,457 this season, the first LPGA player to earn more than \$600,000 in a single season.

King served notice from the start that she was going to be tough, firing two birdies on holes three and four, followed by an

eagle on the fifth hole. She had one more birdie and then a bogey on the ninth hole to make the turn at four-under-par.

"When I started I thought I was going to run away with it," King said. "Then I missed a few drives and a few wedges and people started to make a run at me."

King's lead was narrowed to one stroke when she bogeyed holes 11 and 12 to fall back to 11-under-par.

Britain's Laurie Davies shot into contention with the help of an eagle on the fifth hole and birdies on 10 and 11 to move to 10-under-par.

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico, Aug. 28. (AP) — Bob Charles sank an 8-foot par putt on the final hole yesterday to beat Charles Coody in a backside duel of nerves and win his third straight Charley Pride Senior Tour tournament.

Charles won the tournament when he two-putted from 35 feet and Coody missed a 5-foot par putt that would have forced a sudden-death playoff.

Coody, looking for his first Senior Tour victory, bogeyed the final two holes after leading Charles by two shots with three holes to play.

Rangers' Catholic player passes first test

GLASGOW, Aug. 28. (Reuters) — A young Catholic named Maurice Johnston walked off a Glasgow soccer pitch in one piece on Saturday and Scottish football breathed a sigh of relief.

Like a modern Daniel in the lion's den, Johnston had just played for the "wrong" side in the notorious Glasgow derby that pits the traditionally all-Protestant Rangers against pro-Catholic Celtic.

The 26-year-old former Celtic star is the first Catholic to play for Rangers and police, aware of the potential for trouble, turned out in force for the sell-out match at Celtic Park.

Scotland's football hierarchy also feared that any violence under the glare of the world media could lead to the current ban on English clubs in Europe being applied north of the border.

In the event the 55,000 fans behaved noisily but well during the 1-1 draw and Johnston slipped quietly from the stadium to his secret address under the protection of a personal bodyguard.

His fears are hardly misplaced in a country where soccer is seen, often though a semi-drunk haze, as an acceptable substitute for nationalistic or religious wars.

But the arrival three years ago of Graeme Souness to manage Rangers heralded a fundamental change in the tradition-bound world of Scottish football.

The former Liverpool player, pledging to choose Rangers players on talent alone, astounded Scotland last month by signing Johnston from France's Nantes for about \$2 million.

Not only was Johnston a Catholic, he was also controversial ex-Celtic player who had looked set to rejoin his old club only a few weeks previously before the deal was scuppered by a last-minute tax wrangle.

In addition, the flamboyant blond striker had long been top of the Rangers fans' "hate list" after provocatively crossing himself when sent off during a typically ill-tempered Glasgow derby in 1986.

Souness, who has spent more than \$15 million in attracting English and overseas stars to Ibrox, braved out the criticism of Protestant diehards, many of whom burned their season tickets and scarves in protest.

"It's make-your-mind-up time for the bigots," he said. "Rangers is too big a club to be limited to signing only a percentage of the population."

Anyone unversed in the history of the two Glasgow rivals — known as the "Old Firm" — would be bewildered by the unique atmosphere generated at a Rangers-Celtic clash.

It is downright frightening. An almost palpable wave of hatred flows from the packed terraces as the blue-clad Rangers supporters curse the Pope and chant songs about obscure 300-year-old battles while the Celtic fans wave Irish republican flags and scream abuse about the Queen of England.

The vicious rivalry is rooted in the intertwined history of Scotland and Ireland — the "sporting" equivalent of the hatreds that have helped fuel the sectarian killings only a few miles across the sea in Northern Ireland.



Johnston (right) in action against Celtic. (Reuters wirephoto)

Rangers were founded in 1873 and quickly assumed their status as a Protestant institution after moving to the Govan Dock district of Glasgow.

The dockers had close family and cultural links with the Ulster Protestants whose Scottish

ancestors had settled in the province in the 17th century.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the city, Celtic Football Club was firmly establishing its identity among the impoverished Irish immigrants who had fled their homeland after the famine of the 1840s.

The club was in fact founded by Irish priests to aid local charities and, while never barring Protestants, attracted most of its talent from Scotland's 800,000 Catholics — a sixth of the population.

Since the turn of the century the two giants have dominated Scottish football, occasionally scaled the heights of Europe and supplied more than enough folk drama for even the notoriously argumentative Glaswegians.

In the clubs' heyday, crowds of 130,000 regularly turned up at derby games, though the 1971 Ibrox disaster when 66 people were killed in an accidental crush put paid to the ear of vast attendances.

Ironically Celtic enjoyed their finest spell — winning the European Cup in 1967 — under the guidance of their first Protestant manager, the late Jock Stein.

Stein, who gained a grudging admiration from even the Rangers fans, used to poke gentle fun at the bizarre aspects of the rivalry with a tale that suddenly no longer holds true.

"When I was at Celtic, if we had to choose between two equally promising youngsters — one Catholic and the other Protestant — I would always sign the latter... that way we at least knew the other wouldn't end up at Rangers," he said.

Lyle left out of Cup team at own request

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Aug. 28. (Reuters) — Former British Open and US Masters champion Sandy Lyle of Britain, out of form and in despair, was at his own request left out yesterday of the European Ryder Cup squad that will defend the trophy against the United States next month.

European captain Tony Jacklin was forced to omit Lyle, a member of the last five European Ryder Cup golf teams.

But Jacklin still went for experience by naming Bernhard Langer of West Germany, Howard Clark of Britain and Christy O'Connor Jr of Ireland to complete the lineup for the match at the Belfry, central England, from September 22 to 24.

Earlier, Jose-Maria Canizares of Spain, 42, had won the ninth and last automatic selection place by taking a share of fifth position in the German Open here.

"I spoke to Sandy in America by telephone last night," Jacklin explained. "It was his personal request that he should not be included in the team. I did my best to dissuade him and told him he had the support of all the other players."

"It was a tough, tough decision for Sandy to make and I admire him for the guts and bravery it took to make it. Sandy feels incapable of sustaining the pressure of playing Ryder Cup golf and I can't ask him to do something he does not want to do."

Lyle, 1985 British Open winner and the 1988 US Masters champion, was playing in the World Series in Akron, Ohio, this weekend in a bid to show some form but had rounds of 74-74-77 when he spoke to Jacklin. "He is at a very low ebb at the moment," Jacklin said.

Lyle, 31, made a promising start to the year on the US Tour, but then missed nine cuts in 11 events in mid-year as his form plummeted. He has not rediscovered it yet.

The other eight members of the European team, who had already clinched their places, are Spaniards Jose-Maria Olazabal and Seve Ballesteros, and Britons Ronan Rafferty, Nick Faldo, Ian Woosnam, Mark James, Gordon Brand Jr and Sam Torrance.

All of the team except Rafferty, the leader of the European money list for the year, have previous Ryder Cup experience.

The Europeans ended a prolonged period of American domination of the biennial competition by capturing the Cup from the Americans by 16-1/2 points to 11-1/2 at the Belfry in 1985. They retained it 15-13 in 1987 at Muirfield Village, Ohio.

"I certainly feel our team is as strong as in 1987 while the Americans have a lot of guys not experienced in Europe," Jacklin said. "There is no question the US have a strong team but I have to tell you I wouldn't change my team for theirs."

Canizares, who played on three successive teams from 1981 to 1985, entered the final qualification event in Germany trailing ninth-placed Philip Walton of Ireland for automatic selection.

SPORTS

Maradona to return, needs month to get fit

ROME, Aug. 28. (Reuters) Diego Maradona, absent without leave in Argentina, says he will return to Italy by the end of this week but that it will be at least a month before he is fit to play.

In a preview of an Italian television interview to be shown in full later today, the Argentine and Napoli captain was quoted as saying:

"I will return within the week but you will

not know until the last minute. Physically I am well but I won't be able to play for at least a month."

Maradona, 28, left Italy on June 29 and his Napoli club has started disciplinary proceedings against him because of his refusal to return in time for yesterday's start of the First Division championship, in which his side beat Ascoli 1-0.

An absence of another month from the field would mean Maradona missing Napoli's opening match against Sporting Lisbon on September 14 in defence of their UEFA Cup title.

Italian Rai television journalist Salvatore Biazzo, who interviewed Maradona in Buenos Aires, said the Argentine World Cup captain had grown a long beard and was

"rather fat."

But Biazzo said Maradona, a short, stocky man with a tendency to overweight, was not as fat as had been expected.

Biazzo, speaking on Rai's lunchtime news programme via a telephone linkup, said he was sure that "Maradona's exile is about to finish."

He said Maradona attributed his earlier

refusal to return to Naples to the behaviour of Napoli club officials towards him. Biazzo did not elaborate.

Maradona said last week in a statement that there was a plot against him in Naples and that he would not return until the club guaranteed his safety.

Naples police have said there is no evidence to support claims by Maradona.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Pallister sold

LONDON, Aug. 28. (Reuters) Midfielder Gary Pallister joined Manchester United today for a British club record fee of £2.2 million (\$3.6 million).

ID scheme

LONDON, Aug. 28. (Reuters) An identity card scheme, aimed at reducing English soccer of hooliganism and opening the way for clubs to be readmitted to European competitions, has been approved by UEFA.

Ivanisevic wins

PRINCETON, New Jersey, Aug. 28. (UPI) Goran Ivanisevic of Yugoslavia defeated an injured Andrei Cherkasov of the Soviet Union in straight sets 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 yesterday to win the \$54,000 New Jersey Bell Yellow Pages Tennis Invitational.

Berger triumphs

WILMINGTON, Delaware, Aug. 28. (AP) Jay Berger defeated top-seeded Michael Chang 6-4, 0-6, 6-3 yesterday to win the Wilmington Tennis Classic.

World wrestling

MARTIGNY, Switzerland, Aug. 28. (AP) The Soviet Union dominated the Greco-Roman world wrestling championships that wrapped up yesterday, winning five of ten gold medals and finishing 37 points ahead of nearest rival Hungary.

Gold medal

DUISBURG, West Germany, Aug. 28. (AP) Dave Johnson of the United States clinched the gold medal in a thrilling decathlon finish at World University Games yesterday.

Motocross GP

ANGREAU, Belgium, Aug. 28. (Reuters) World champion Jean-Michel Bayle of France yesterday won the Belgian 250cc Motocross Grand Prix, the final event of the season.

Fourth win

WOHLIN, Switzerland, Aug. 28. (Reuters) World motocross champion David Thorpe of Britain underlined his dominance with a fourth successive 500cc Grand Prix win yesterday in the Swiss finale of the 1989 world championship.

Britain win

GROSSHANSBURG, West Germany, Aug. 28. (UPI) Britain triumphed in a rain-soaked final to take the title at the 4th European Championships last night, outlasting Finland 26-0.

Injury problems

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 28. (Reuters) Injury problems have forced the International XV to borrow two South African players for the penultimate fixture of their five-game tour against Northern Transvaal in Pretoria tomorrow.

Milo Cup

TOKYO, Aug. 28. (UPI) Japan scored three goals in the first half to roll over Leningrad of the Soviet Union 3-1 in the final yesterday to win the Milo Cup World Soccer Championships for boys for the second straight year.

Davies recalled

LONDON, Aug. 28. (Reuters) Former Manchester United winger Alan Davies has been recalled to the Welsh squad for their World Cup qualifier against Finland in Helsinki on Sept. 6.

LPGA title

CRANSTON, R.I., Aug. 28. (Reuters) Tina Barrett won her first LPGA title yesterday with a final-round 70, good for a two-stroke margin over Nancy Brown in the Ocean State Open golf tournament.

US Open

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (Reuters) Defending singles champion Steffi Graf and Mats Wilander made short work of their opening round opponents on Monday to launch the 1989 US Open tennis championships.

Aouita wins

GATESHEAD, England, Aug. 28. (AP) Said Aouita sped past hometown favourite Peter Elliott and Kenya's Joseph Chesire on the final straight to win a mile race in 3 minutes, 51.97 seconds today to highlight an international track and field meet.

QMC League

KHEITAN Cricket Club meet Morning Star in a QMC Summer League match at the Millat Airport ground on Friday. The match will start at 5.00 am.

KCL season

THE KCL cricket season is scheduled to start soon. A meeting in this connection will be held on Thursday, Aug. 31, at 8.00 pm at Sajid Rizvi's house. All team representatives should attend.

Swedish quad

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 28. (Reuters) Sweden manager Ole Nordin today announced a squad built around Liverpool sweeper Glenn Hysen and Benfica's Jonas Thern and Mats Magnusson for the World Cup qualifier against England in Stockholm on Sept. 6.

Small holds off Australia

England avert follow-on



Gower: hit a half-century

LONDON, Aug. 28. (Reuters) Tailender Gladstone Small led a rare show of England defiance to deny Australia the chance of enforcing the follow-on on the fourth day of the fourth day of the sixth and final Test at the Oval today.

His fighting innings enabled England to reach 285 in reply to Australia's first innings 468. Australia had made 87 for the loss of Geoff Marsh's wicket in their second innings by the close, a lead of 270.

Small's confidently struck 59, his maiden Test half-century, was as unexpected as it was welcome for an England side seemingly lurching towards their fifth defeat of the series.

Arriving at the crease with the follow-on target of 269 still 100 runs away and only three wickets to fall, Small cracked seven boundaries in reaching his 50 from only 74 balls.

With Derek Pringle, who made a dogged 27, he added 32 for the eighth wicket and then

with Nick Cook, last man out for 31, he shared a stand of 73, the highest partnership of the innings.

When he finally fell, lofting a drive to Dean Jones at cover, Small was given a standing ovation by the large crowd unaccustomed to this series to English successes.

Such has been Australia's dominance throughout the series that the saving of the follow-on had something of an air of victory about it.

Certainly, it had not appeared likely on Saturday afternoon when paceman Terry Alderman had once more lanced through the England batting to reduce them to 98 for six.

Captain David Gower showed the way early on when England resumed at 124 for six with an innings of grace and character before falling short of what would have been a well-deserved century.

He produced a sparkling array of strokes, punishing paceman

Merv Hughes for two successive fours as he moved into top gear. But when he had reached 79, almost inevitably he played a careless legside swish which clipped the ball to wicketkeeper Ian Healy.

Equally inevitably the bowler was Alderman, completing five wickets in an innings for the sixth time in the series. It took the paceman's tally against England to 39, just three short of the record for an Ashes series he set eight years ago.

In 35 overs before the close Australian opener Mark Taylor hit 43 not out to take his tally of runs for the series to 834, putting him level with Neil Harvey in third place in the list of individual aggregates in a series.

Only Wally Hammond with 974 and Don Bradman with 974 are ahead of him.

England's sole success came with only seven on the board when Test debutant Alan Igglesden had Geoff Marsh leg before for four.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings 468 (D. Jones 122, A. Border 76, M. Taylor 71) D. Pringle four for 70

ENGLAND first innings (overnight 124 for six)

G. Gooch lbw b Alderman 0
J. Stephenson c Waugh b Alderman 25
M. Atherton c Healy b Hughes 12
R. Smith b Lawson 7
D. Gower c Healy b Alderman 79
D. Capel lbw b Alderman 4
J. Russell c Healy b Alderman 12
D. Pringle c Taylor b Hobbs 27
G. Small c Jones b Lawson 59
N. Cook c Jones b Lawson 31
A. Igglesden not out 23
Extras (b-2 lb-7 w-1 nb-13) 23
Total 285

Fall of wickets: 1-1 2-28 3-47 4-80 5-84 6-98 7-169 8-201 9-274

Bowling: Alderman 27-7-66-5, Lawson 29-1-9-85-3, Hughes 23-3-84-1, Hobbs 10-1-30-1, Waugh 3-0-11-0.

AUSTRALIA second innings

M. Taylor not out 43
G. Marsh lbw b Igglesden 4
D. Boon not out 29
Extras (lb-5 nb-6) 11
Total (for one wicket) 87
Fall of wicket: 1-7

Nurul swims to 8th Games gold

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug. 28. (UPI) Nurul Huda Abdullah, Malaysia's "golden girl," of swimming, boosted her haul today to eight dazzling golds in the 15th Southeast Asian Games.

Nurul's triumph came in the women's 200-metre butterfly and 200-metre backstroke. She streaked through the water in 2:18.76, only two-hundredths of a second outside of her personal best time for the butterfly distance and set a new Games record of 2:23.65 for the backstroke.

The 17-year-old Brisbane, Australia student, who has accumulated more golds than any other athlete at the Games, was followed in the butterfly by teammate May Tan, finishing in 2:21.54. Indonesia's Elfira Rosa Nasution nabbed the bronze.

Nurul's tally was the highest personal gold cache since the SEA Games Federation was formed in 1977.

Filipina Akiko Thompson took the silver in the backstroke

with Indonesia's Ratna Pradipta picking up the bronze.

Filipina Akiko Thompson emerged the victor of the women's 50-metre freestyle competition in 27.62.

Thailand's Thanayul Sakulpong took the silver in 28.17, leaving Indonesia's Yustina Amadja with the bronze. The 50-metre race, initiated at the Olympics in Seoul, was included in the SEA Games for the first time.

Eric Buhain outswam powerful opposition to hike the Philippines gold count in the men's 200-metre individual medley, finishing in 2:06.94, a new Games record. Following him was Singapore's disappointed David Lim, who entered the race the favourite with five golds behind him. Lim finished in 2:10.77 while Indonesia's Wirmandi Sugriat bagged the bronze.

Malaysia's Jeffrey Ong consolidated his domination of long distance swimming with a 15:56.23, smashing his previous

Games record by almost 18 seconds.

Filipino Martin Palacios finished almost a minute behind Ong, and Singapore's Desmond Koh Mun Kit emerged a weary third.

Ariya Sukontapan, a Thai mother, won the women's 75-kilometre cycle race in 2:07:54.88 after breaking away from the pack and sustaining her lead throughout the gruelling ordeal. "I know that I had to break away early from the Indonesians if I wanted to win," the 29-year-old Ariya said.

Indonesia's two favourites, Nurbayati and Rida Farida, couldn't catch up to the speedy Thai, finishing with the silver and bronze accolades.

Thailand also demonstrated superiority in tennis, with Sakolwath Katharon and Thanakorn Sriphan defeating teammates Tossorn Summa and Wittaya Samrit in the mixed doubles finals 6-2, 7-6. The Thai took the gold and silver while Indonesia's

Suzana Wibowo and Tintus Wibowo earned the bronze.

In the eighth day of competition, Indonesia maintained an unassailable position at the top of the gold medal table with 82. Malaysia regained second place with 56, Thailand amassed 53, Singapore 28, the Philippines 23, Burma 10, Vietnam three and Brunei one. Laos has not won a single gold.

Yesterday, Peter Hays of Singapore upset four-time Mr Asia, Malek Noor of Malaysia, for the gold medal in the Games bodybuilding heavyweight division, and Malek left weeping.

Malek, 34, expressed dissatisfaction with the results, and refused to meet with reporters.

But Khir Johari, president of the Malaysian Bodybuilding Federation, said he agreed with the judges' decision and that the loss would be a lesson to Malaysian bodybuilders so that they would be better prepared for future championships.

Platini retains young squad for qualifier

PARIS, Aug. 28. (Reuters) French coach Michel Platini kept faith with the young squad that defeated Sweden in a friendly 12 days ago when he announced the 16-strong line-up for a World Cup qualifier against Norway in Oslo next week.

The only change in the squad to play Norway on September 5 was the reserve goalkeeper, with the more experienced Bruno Martini replacing Gilles Rousset.

France, who have suffered a series of disastrous defeats since Platini took control, have no realistic hope of qualifying from the European Group Five for next year's World Cup finals in Italy. They have earned only four points, five less than group leaders Scotland.

But the 4-2 victory over Sweden gave former midfielder star Platini a glimmer of hope.

Headstrong striker Eric Cantona, recalled successfully against Sweden after being exiled for insulting former team chief Henri Michel, retains his place alongside Marseille striker Jean-Pierre Papin.

The two shared the four goals against Sweden on August 16.

Squad: Joel Bats, Bruno Martini, Manuel Amoros, Eric di Meo, Didier Deschamps, Yvon Le Roux, Franck Sylvestre, Laurent Blanc, Jean-Philippe Durand, Bernard Pardo, Christian Perez, Franck Sauzee, Eric Cantona, Stephane Paille, Jean-Marc Ferreri, Jean-Pierre Papin.

Tunisia qualify

TUNIS, Aug. 28. (Reuters) Tunisia qualified for a World Cup soccer African playoff with Cameroon yesterday when they beat Zambia 1-0 and Zaïre could only draw 1-1 with Morocco.

Tunisia spent an anxious 20 minutes after the end of their victory in Tunis until the final result from the other African Group D match came through.

Tunisia now meet Cameroon. Group C winners after a 1-0 success over Nigeria, over two legs to decide one of the two African teams in the World Cup finals in Italy next year.

Athletics end three-game losing streak

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (AP) Bob Welch ran his scoreless streak to 24, pitching five-hit ball for eight innings yesterday as the Oakland Athletics ended a three-game losing streak with a 6-0 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Rickey Henderson hit a three-run home run as Oakland moved 3-1-2 games ahead of third-place Kansas City in the American League West.

Welch, 35, won his fourth consecutive start and beat the Royals for the first time in three career decisions. Dennis Eckersley finished with one-hit as Kansas City was handed its League-high 15th shutout.

Orleans 8, Yankees 5
Bob Melvin's first homer in more than a year keyed a four-run second inning and the Baltimore Orioles took advantage of four New York errors to beat the Yankees for their ninth victory in 10 games.

Melvin drove in four runs with a three-run homer and RBI triple. Mike Devereaux had three of the Orioles' 12 hits and Cal Ripkin also homered as the Yankees fell to 2-9 under manager Bucky Dent.

Results

American League

Boston 7 Detroit 1
Baltimore 8 New York 3
Chicago 9 Cleveland 3
Toronto 5 Milwaukee 4
Oakland 6 Kansas City 0
Minnesota 8 Seattle 5
California 5 Texas 4

National League

Cincinnati 1 Pittsburgh 0
Chicago 3 Atlanta 2
Houston 6 St. Louis 3
Los Angeles 8 Philadelphia 1
San Diego 13 New York 7
Montreal 6 San Francisco 3

Scoring system could favour Senna again

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium, Aug. 28. (Reuters) Formula One's controversial scoring system could end up favouring Ayrton Senna for the second successive season if the Brazilian can add further victories to his fifth win of the year in yesterday's rain-washed Belgian Grand Prix.

Although Senna is currently 11 points behind his McLaren team-mate and rival Alain Prost of France in the drivers' championship, he is in a strong position because he has scored points in only six of the 11 races to date.

This means Senna can count all the points he scores in each of the five remaining races this season—the rules permit only 11 scoring races to count towards the championship—while Prost can count only one more race score before he has to start dropping points from his total.

It could result in a very similar scenario to that of last year when Prost was deprived of the title despite scoring an overall record for a season of 105 points.

After enforcement of the rules, he had only 87 and Senna, whose overall total from 16 races was 94, finished with a total of 90 to

win the championship. The crucial advantage in Senna's favour was that he had won a total of eight races, a figure he could equal with three wins in the remaining five Grands Prix this season.

With three wins and five seconds, Prost—who will leave McLaren at the end of the year—could find himself under increasing pressure for outright victories in the races to come this year, starting with the Italian Grand Prix at Monza on Sept. 10.

His greatest opponent there is likely to be Briton Nigel Mansell who has not yet given up his own hopes of landing the drivers' crown for a first season with Ferrari.

Mansell currently has 38 points in the championship and, after five consecutive points-scoring results, has rediscovered his best form thanks to the newfound reliability of his Ferrari.

"I am sure we can find a bit more power and add to the pressure on Alain and Ayrton at Monza," said Mansell last night. "We are looking good at the moment and I have not given up hope of the title by any means."



Senna (left) sprays champagne as Prost waves on the podium after Sunday's race. (Reuters wirephoto)

Anything can happen still," Mansell's optimism contrasted vividly with the despondency

of his team-mate Austrian Gerhard Berger who has yet to finish a race this season.

He leaves Ferrari for McLaren next year and is likely to be replaced by Prost, although the



Paul Allott



Graeme Hick

Hick slams unbeaten ton

Lancashire win tourney in style

LONDON, Aug. 28. (Reuters) Tailender Paul Allott blasted a six in the last over to clinch the Sunday League championship for Lancashire in exhilarating style in their final match against Surrey at Old Trafford.

Needing five to win in the final over from paceman Martin Bicknell, Allott dispensed with caution and swung mightily to send the first ball soaring over long-off.

It earned Lancashire a three-wicket win and also provided a fairytale ending to the career of their 48-year-old off-spinner Jack Simmons.

"We did it for Simmons," said captain David Hughes as he held the Sunday League trophy aloft afterwards and the veteran bowler looked near to tears as he was presented with a special silver salver by the club to mark his retirement.

It was the third time Lancashire had won the Sunday League but they had to fight hard to make victory certain.

After Surrey were all out for 186 in exactly 40 overs, Lancashire still needed 66 from their last 10 overs to win.

That became 41 runs required from the last five overs but then Hughes and left-hander Ian Austin combined to wrest back the initiative.

Hughes was out for 20 but Austin was unbeaten on 19 when Allott slammed the winning six.

As it transpired, Lancashire would have won the title even had they lost to Surrey because second-placed Essex, two points behind them at the start, were beaten by Northamptonshire.

After being sent in to bat on a lively pitch, Essex found batting difficult and managed only 14 for nine in their 40 overs.

Northants found the going no easier with John Lever, also in his last Sunday League game before retirement, not conceding a run until his 29th delivery and finishing with one for 16 from eight overs.

However Alan Fordham with 31 kept the chase going and with two balls remaining Jim Govan edged paceman Neil Foster to the boundary to give Northants victory by three wickets.

Meanwhile, a superb unbeaten 136 by Graeme Hick steered Worcestershire closer to a second successive county cricket championship title at New Road yesterday.

Hick needed only 120 balls to put his side on the way to a five-wicket victory in their four-day match over Somerset. Wicketkeeper Steve Rhodes finished the job by hitting the winning boundary with five balls to spare.

It was Worcestershire's 11th win of the season and put them on 293 points, 34 ahead of second-placed Essex.

A tough target of 300 in only 57 overs was brought within range when Hick and Tim Currie, who hit 84 off 128 balls, put on 128 in 25 overs for the second wicket.

There was a minor hitch when Graham Rose took two wickets in four balls, but Hick's sixth century of the season enabled them to score 121 from the last 17 overs with surprising comfort.

Hick, who has now made 1,218 championship runs in five seasons against Somerset, finished with 10 fours and three sixes after batting for 168 minutes.

Former England batsman Chris Tavare made 62 in the morning before Somerset declared at 161 for six after struggling earlier at 11 for three against the pace of Steve McEwan who finished with three for 46.

Essex, who have 259 points, have already assured themselves of at least eight more points in their match against Northamptonshire which finishes today.

TCCB dismiss report

LONDON, Aug. 28. (Reuters) England cricket chiefs today dismissed suggestions that they were trying to woo back Mike Gatting as captain for the tour of the West Indies.

According to the London Daily Mirror, Gatting is the target of "behind-the-scenes moves" aimed at attempting to persuade him from leading the rebel tour to South Africa.

But Test and Country Cricket Board (TCCB) spokesman Peter Smith said: "If anybody has spoken to Mike Gatting it has been completely unauthorised."

The Mirror says Gatting

would think again about going to South Africa if he were to receive a TCCB apology for the way he was dismissed as England captain after his alleged late-night frolic with a barmaid last year.

He would also want support from the TCCB should there be any legal repercussions from the South African Cricket Union.

But Smith added: "I should not think for one moment that even if such talks were to take place the TCCB would meet any of these demands stated in the Daily Mirror. The TCCB has no reason to apologise to Mike Gatting."

McGirt takes step toward title fight

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (AP) James "Buddy" McGirt, the former International Boxing Federation junior welterweight champion, has taken a step toward a championship fight—by winning.

So apparently has Gary Jacobs, the loser.

McGirt, 148 pounds (67 kilograms), of the United States, who took the fight on one week's notice, won a unanimous 10-round decision yesterday over Jacobs, the British Commonwealth champion, from Scotland, in a fight at Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum.

Edwin Rosario of Puerto Rico was scheduled to defend his World Boxing Association lightweight championship against Lupe Suarez of the United States.

But the title-holder tore a ligament in his right hand and was forced to withdraw.

McGirt totally outclassed Jacobs, 146 pounds (66 kilograms), a self-hander who also is the World Boxing Council International champion.

In extending his winning streak to six since losing the IBF junior welterweight crown to Meldrick Taylor last September, McGirt, continually counter-punched against the less experienced Jacobs and raised his record at the felt forum to 21-0.